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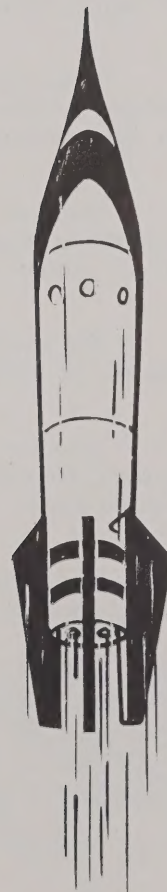
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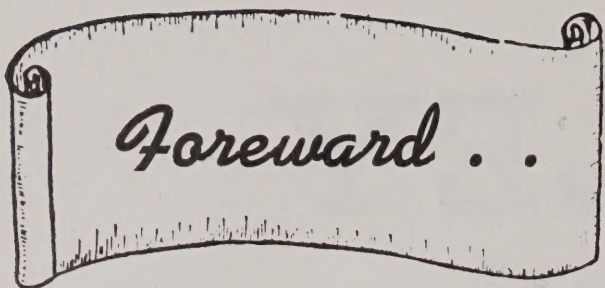
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Foreward . .

The very awesome task of undertaking the 1963 Ashley Diamond Jubilee book was assumed by the committee upon purely a "duty to the community" basis. The responsibilities and work involved were thoroughly understood. The task was accepted more on the basis of "someone has to do it" than any feeling that this committee had any special talents for the work. It early became apparent that to be done properly, the ground or investigation work should have been commenced at least a year in advance. This is mentioned so that those responsible for the centennial book in 1988 may profit by our experience. The committee begs the readers' indulgence for errors of both commission and omission in the book.

The committee has found that it has been difficult to arouse people in general to a realization of the importance of making a record of family and community history. The willing response from many, on the other hand, has been most cheering and helpful to the work of the committee. Unfortunately, too many neglected the opportunity to perpetuate their family and business history.

While all of the committee members gave generously of their time and talents, the following members did contribute effort beyond the call of duty and should have some special mention: Mrs. Leo Cohen, for re-writing and correcting manuscripts; Mrs. Max Wishek, Jr., who did most of the typing; Mrs. Walter Froh, who edited much of the copy and who did practically all of the proofreading and Calford Mayer, who organized most of the work and kept excellent records of what came in and went out of the office, as well as doing much typing.

Deserved recognition is given to Walter Froh of The Ashley Tribune for the generous advice, aid and guidance given the committee during the many months of work on the book. His experience of many years in the newspaper and publishing field proved most helpful.

Mention should also be made of the outstanding work of the advertising committee. The money this committee raised made possible the publication of the book. The unselfish donation of time by the members of all jubilee committees was indeed outstanding.

We found that like one who builds a house, there are countless things that would be changed, corrected, or included if the work were to be done again.

Members of the Ashley Diamond Jubilee historical book committee include E. W. Schock, Harold Dockter, Mrs. Leo Cohen, Mrs. Mildred Johnson, Mrs. Albert Maier, Mrs. Gerald Coyle, Mrs. Max Wishek, Jr., Mrs. Walter Froh and Calford Mayer.

We hope that this effort will in some small manner help to perpetuate history of the community that might otherwise be forever lost.

Max A. Wishek, chairman

Diamond Jubilee

Historical Book Committee





THE PIONEER MOTHER

A poet wrote a lovely song
Of mothers, pioneering long
Ago. "Not old and gaunt," she said
"Oh sculptor, carve her young instead."

You picture her as fresh and sweet,
As prairie roses at her feet;
I cannot see her young and fair,
With slender form and shining hair—
All unafraid, untried, untorn,
Not wearied she, nor old and worn.

How could she be a pioneer,
Till day on day, year after year,
She bore the searing touch of strain,
And knew acquaintanceship with pain?
How could she have that buoyant grace
Of ancient maid in Samothrace,
When life had taken wage and toll
From deep environs of her soul?
Ah! sweeter far that fine etched face,
Above a fold of surpliced lace;
Those tranquil eyes, that peaceful brow,
The hands that knew the breaking plow—
Oh, beautiful, supreme you stand,
Beloved and honored through our land;
I know, have seen, the purging fear
In mother's eyes, a pioneer.
And so I ask, etch deep and bold
Oh sculptor, carve her worn and old,
But catch the glory as you trace
Transfiguration on her face.

Nina Farley Wishek



Dedication

It was not necessary for the committee to spend much time in selecting a dedication subject for this book.

It was natural and proper for the 1938 book to be dedicated to the pioneers who first came to the county to transform it from the barren prairie they found, into the prosperous and outstanding farmsteads and cities that we have today. The unbelievable hardships and privations these first settlers endured, clearly entitled those pioneers to the recognition given them in the 1938 book.

Following the early settlements, and especially the coming of the railroad, the county experienced a steady growth and development with the usual short crops and occasional financial stringencies which were overcome without great difficulty. But the county, along with the state and nation, was to experience many long years filled with hardships and vicissitudes, some quite similar to those experienced by the early settlers, which were to try the mettle and stamina of the people. This condition commenced with the stock market crash in the fall of 1929 which triggered one of the worst nationwide economic depressions ever experienced.

The depression worsened until by 1932 grain prices had fallen so low that a fair crop in this area that year brought little or no income to the farmer. This was the year that wheat on the local market sold for 20 cents per bushel, and rye and barley for 9 and 10 cents per bushel. These prices little more than paid for harvesting and threshing costs.

Then came the great drought of the 1930's. Year after year crops were seeded, and they died. There was no feed for the cattle. It was in this period that the government paid nominal prices for cattle, then destroyed and buried them on the spot. It was a time to try the souls and courage of our people. Few could pay their taxes; many abandoned their farms and businesses and moved to other states, mostly California. Many more stayed here to continue the desperate and unequal struggle, hoping each year that next year would bring the change. There was some improvement in 1939, but the drought did not fully end until 1940 when those who had stuck it out were to gain the reward for their faith and courage in staying in the face of almost hopeless odds, much as did their forefathers in the 1800's.

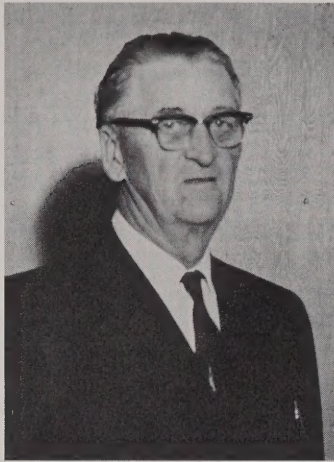
It is, therefore, fitting, proper and perfectly natural that this book is hereby dedicated to the "pioneers of the thirties" who remained here to continue the effort to bring growth and prosperity to themselves, their community, and their descendants.



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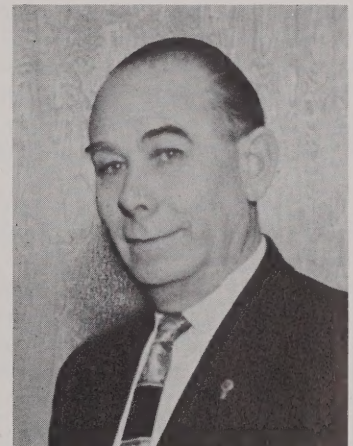
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WHO ARE THEY?

(About the racial background of many central Dakotans)

Pastor T. R. Baudler

Eureka, South Dakota

"Thou dost not really know thyself unless thou hast come to learn something about the generations of thy forebears . . ."

(Gustav Freytag, German historian)

Through the heart of the Dakotas, with long arms stretching into Montana and northwards up into Canada, is a compact human, ethnic peninsula of a most fascinating people. Statistics reveal that the present day kindred of this unique tribe number approximately one-half million Americans. Who are they? Where did they originate? What is their racial background? Among their characteristics are traits such as tendencies toward clannishness and passivity, a preference for good and exotic food, the ability to speak at least two languages. This makes them a people set apart on our Great Plains.

They have been referred to as "Russians," even by anthropologists. And on the surface, that is what they seem to be. For indeed, their forefathers came to this country from the Black Sea area of Czarist Russia seventy or eighty years ago. They have also been simply called "German-Russians", but the language which they prefer to use when they are strictly among themselves is a type of German, definitely not Russian.

A few years ago while I was traveling through parts of Schwabenland, a Province in Southwest Germany, my fellow-traveling Dakotan remarked about the German passengers on the train with us: "You know, these people speak just like the folks back in Eureka." He had made a telling discovery, for indeed many of our central Dakotans, in an area which begins south of Hosmer and Java in South Dakota on through a line northward of fifty miles east and west into Ashley, Wishek, Napoleon, Tuttle, Harvey, Mercer, etc. of North Dakota, are descendants of the German people of Schwaben — or Wuerttemberg, as it is called today. They are thus directly descended from the ancient Germanic tribe of the Suebi (Schwabens), as Julius Caesar named them two thousand years ago in his "Gallic Wars." The proud Roman conqueror refers to the Suebi as being a tribe of stubborn, tough warriors who caused his legions no end of harassment and trouble under their accepted leader Ariovistus, the tribal chief of a related, marauding tribe of the Harudes. Among other things Caesar finally reports tongue in cheek how he overcame them all by making use of a prevalent Germanic superstition, especially nurtured among their women, "that no good nor meritorious deeds could ever be accomplished during the period of the waning moon." His famous X. legion proclaimed an attack which was to follow when the moon was low — and routed them completely during such a season, the Suebi especially refusing to fight because of the prevalent superstition.

By nature the Suebi have ever been a sedate, non-migrating type of people. What could have induced many thousands of this nation to suddenly leave behind their farms and orchards, dark forests and hills in beautiful Germany, to rove twenty-five hundred miles southeastward into the Black Sea

steppes of Russia. This is a marvelous story.

Perhaps the finest thing that can be said about these Schwaben is the fact that they became deeply devout and religious people in the long process of the christianizing of the Germanic tribes. Let this be underlined in spite of what was indicated above concerning certain superstitions among the Suebi, traces of which can be observed among them to this day. Their Christian faith has always been of a profound, pietistic nature. Schwaben are naturally God-fearing, reverent-pious and devout—whether this pertains to those in the old country or to their descendants here in the Dakota prairies. Many of our great Christian thinkers and theologians since the Reformation came from Wuerttemberg, men like Melancthon, Oekolampad, Butzer, Brenz, and Bengel. And a man of this stature, Bengel, who had been dead for a century, with his pious explanation especially of the last Book in the Bible, directly inspired the Great Suebian Trek into Russia in 1816-17.

Briefly, here is what happened at the turn of the nineteenth century in Schwabenland. King Frederick I, regal Lord of that land, intended to unite all Protestants by forcefully introducing a new hymnbook and a less conservative book of worship. The people intuitively resented and opposed both books in their small Reformed and much greater Lutheran factions. They banded together into lay movements of a religious nature, often against the forces of both state and church. Persecutions and arrests followed. Meanwhile dire political events were taking place also. Wuerttemberg and its king became vassals of the megalomaniac Napoleon who needed soldiers for his pan-European movement and conquest. The separatistic lay movements began to stress what the New Testament said about the End of the World. The afore-mentioned theologian and pastor, Johann Albrecht Bengel, who had strongly emphasized this phase of biblical teaching in his book "Gnomon," became the prophet of this ever-growing group. He had predicted the coming of the millenium for the year 1836. As Napoleon's armies swept the lands, and Armageddon seemed to draw near, these pious Schwaben were strengthened in their belief that the era of the Antichrist had indeed arrived. Certainly the name "Apollyon" (Rev. 9, 11) could point to none other than to Napoleon himself, by now the scourge of many parts of Europe and even Russia. Bengel had long ago predicted that a refuge for the faithful Christians who might escape the Day of Wrath just prior to the destruction of the Antichrist and the Return of the Lord Christ, according to Revelations, would be found on ancient Mount Ararat of the Caucasian Mountains of Russia. At the same time Czar Alexander I. of Russia extended an invitation to these Germans—as had Catherine II. a few decades before—to move into South Russia

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as colonists with special privileges of tax exemption, retention of German citizenship, also exemption from any military service.

We can understand why, since the turn of that century Russia was becoming the goal of thousands of these people. Fanatical King Frederick I. would not hear of any mass migrations. He needed all able-bodied men for the napoleonic armies. His successor, Wilhelm I., proved somewhat more conciliatory. He allowed the "pietistic renegades" to found their own "religious lay colony," which would not have to adopt the new religious books, and which would be allowed to conduct its own church affairs. This colony stands to the present day in the suburbs of Stuttgart as "Kornthal," founded in 1817. It had become mandatory! Meanwhile thousands of the citizens of Wuerttemberg were departing for Russia, threatening to deplete this land of its manpower and population.

Homes and farms, orchards and cattle were sold for a song by the religiously enthusiastic emigrants, among whom of course were adventurers and socially displaced persons also. Still, the all-pervading thought and incentive was to escape the ravages of the Antichrist and to escape God's Day of Wrath in the refuge of the Savior King, prepared for those "with whom He would rule the world for one thousand years." (Rev. 20, 4-7).

What a sight that must have been in the summers of 1816 and 1817, when whole villages were decimated because their inhabitants chose to follow the meandering course of the Danube River on barges and boats, oxen-carts and wheelbarrows, and on foot—men, women, children—ever southeastward toward the Black Sea Delta! These pilgrims took very few material possessions along, but many of them carried their Lutheran Bibles, the old hymnals, devotional booklets such as Pastor Friedrich's "A view of faith and hope for God's people in these days of the Antichrist, compiled from the divine foretellings, according to which all of the faithful are to reassemble in Jerusalem in anticipation of the Returning Lord." This pastor Friederich incidentally, and other clergymen, accompanied the emigrants on their Holy Odyssey.

Perhaps it is difficult for us moderns to understand such enthusiasm and such religious zeal. On the other hand, people who have experienced these latter days of such godless tyrants as Hitler or Stalin, can appreciate the "End-Of-The-World-Thinking" which was so strong in much of Europe one hundred and fifty years ago. A lay-leader of that day, Adam Straub, who had been forced to serve as a soldier under Napoleon, and who rightly predicted the tyrant's comeback after his first defeat (Rev. 17, 8), summed up the popular thinking of that day in this manner: "When I beheld him (Napoleon) during a parade, cold chills shot up and down my spine. I said to myself 'That one and no other is the Antichrist!'"

The records reveal that our Suebi trekked northeastward along the Black Sea, having arrived at the mouth of Danube in late 1817. There, with winter rapidly approaching, two very opposite trends of thought became evident among our pil-

grims. On the one hand, many had become weary and less enthusiastic concerning the original goal. They made the momentous decision to remain in a fertile valley which was immediately named "Hoffnungsthal." Certainly they could set themselves "apart here and rest for a while" (Mark 6, 31). After all, had not Father Bengel predicted the Coming of Christ not before 1836—eighteen years hence?! On the other hand, there were the zealots with the first love and their original fervor concerning the Holy Pilgrimage still . . . These could not be contained! Even though the harsh winter winds were beginning to sweep down the steppes from the north, hundreds and tens of hundreds made the decision to continue swinging southward again toward the foreboding Caucasians. For the place of refuge on Mount Ararat—scene of another refuge many years before (Gen. 8, 4)—had to be prepared. No time could be lost in accomplishing this well. We hesitate to depict the inevitable tragedy which happened to these people! Suffice it here to state that every last one of this latter group perished in a terrible blizzard in the foothills of the fierce Caucasians, many miles still from the Mount of Refuge, Ararat. The number of the dead is estimated at about 12,000 souls. Today this is an almost forgotten page in the history of stark tragedies caused by misguided religious enthusiasm.

The first group began to prosper immediately. These were to become the forefathers of many of our Dakotans today. Having constructed the village of Hoffnungsthal with Czarist support in a short time, a "Dorf" which has survived the fierce upheavals especially of the last few decades, these Suebi began to radiate out into other villages such as Hoffnungsfeld, Gluecksthal, etc. Within two decades the originally much-sought-after refuge from the Antichrist had been almost forgotten. Napoleon had meanwhile been defeated and banished to the Isle of Elba. A new generation had arisen among our pilgrims which knew little about that "first fire of religious zeal." Then the world began to beckon fiercely again, and with its call came the down-to-earth institutions of this planet for the sons and daughters of these German colonists in Russia—laws and civil government, schools and established churches, as in the departed motherland.

For one-half a century things went real well with them in their newly-adopted homeland. Then—speaking with the Bible: "A new King (Czar) arose who knew nothing of Joseph" and the original promises given to their grandfathers. (Ex. 1, 8). The new Russian Czar Nikolas I. suddenly demanded that these German foreigners become Russian citizens, that they pay taxes for their exceeding wealth which put the native Russians to shame, and that all young men henceforth be prepared to serve in the Czarist Army. This was a hard blow. Let us consider that one hundred years ago the average Russian peasant was still under the laws of serfdom, living in a perpetual fear of the subjugating laws of the nobility, such as whippings, arrests, and deportations at the whims of their superiors.

A new wave of that old restlessness came over the sons of these German pioneers. The old religious books were brought forth again. A renewed cry for The Refuge, this time one of a

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temporal and this—worldly nature, was taken up among them once more.

In the 1860's, just after the U.S. Civil War, certain of the young men of our Schwaben in Russia were encouraged by their elders to make a trip to far-away America—and to report back, if possible, in person. Just as the ancient scouts of Joshua in the Old Testament had been sent out into the promised land (Joshua 1), so these men journeyed westward again, this time, into a legendary land called "Dakota Territory." A year or so later some of these 19th century scouts did indeed return to bring back firsthand news about this "new earth." Yes, the land is good and the soil black! The country is wide as the horizons, and uninhabited. It is almost like our land here!

So another trek began. But this time they left their base in groups of twos and fours, of tens and twenty, of families and whole clans. This exodus was not to end within a year. It went on and on, a quarter of a century—the descendants of the tribe of the Suebi slowly and systematically settling in a new and final homeland—America.

This story is well-known to most of us—how these settlers, now twice removed from the German Fatherland, came to the northern Great Plains during the 1870's, 1880's, and on into the 1890's and the early twentieth century—a seemingly endless, trickling stream of new blood for a new nation—how they became tillers of the soil all over again with little money, relying on their God and on the strength of their hands in an area of the American Midwest which others had condemned as being fit to live only for buffaloes, jackrabbits, and an occasional lost Indian—how they again brought prosperity and fortune, as their forefathers had done in Russia, to the land: solid farms and tidy towns, law and order and government, schools and churches.

Because of two World Wars, fought against Germany, there were times in this country when certain suspicions arose among chauvinistic Americans concerning the loyalty of our Schwaben. There is no need today however, to emphasize the loyalty of these Dakota citizens. They have come through as most faithful sons and daughters of our country with an enviable record of service and bloodletting for this nation, and we take pride in pointing to the fact that never has one of them been indicted as a spy, a traitor, or a communist.

As a writer of this article may I personally confess that the history of our Suebi, whom my sainted father was also privileged to serve for many years as a pastor in North Dakota, has intrigued me now for many years. Having attempted to unravel their history briefly from the source in Germany to the present day, allow me finally to submit a bit of that history from the present situation in America, via Russia, back to the beginnings of a century and one-half ago, in Germany. We shall thus be inviting you to look through that telescope the other way around, as it were. It is another established fact that no other people know so little about their racial background as do our Dakotans with their Russian-German history. Much of this is due to an innate lack of knowledge concerning

their real racial origin, which again breeds a feeling of insecurity and also inferiority with regard to their ethnic standing. There is no reason why this should be.

In the 1890's of the last century, a man of the Neudorf community near Eureka, S. D. returned with a family of seven to Hoffnungsthal, Russia to inherit a farm there. Five of his children perished shortly after his arrival of diphtheria, yet his wife, blessed him with an additional seven children. He who had originally moved to this area from South Russia in 1885 was one of the founders and builders of the old Lutheran Neudorf church. Being an elder of that congregation he kept a record of all members, newly arrived from the Hoffnungsthal colony, (Russia) a list which included the cost of the newly constructed sod church, pastor's and janitor's dues, etc. The record which he kept here in this area for 10 years then accompanied him to Russia. One of two surviving native American sons became a schoolteacher in Hoffnungsthal just prior to World War I. When war broke out in 1914 he was inducted into the Czarist army to fight against Germany, together with thousands of other Russian Schwaben. Having been taken a prisoner by the Germans he was permitted to return to Hoffnungsthal after the Russo-German Peace Treaty of Brest-Litowsk. Then in the early twenties the Bolshevik conquest swept over the Ukrainian Plains also, engulfing the German colonists there. When Hoffnungsthal had been sovietized this same man had been pressed into communist party membership in order to keep his position as instructor and elder. As the communist functionary of the "Dorf" he officially banished all religious instruction in the public school, yet for almost two decades he also regularly assembled the whole village, old and young, each Sunday in the church which had been turned into a grainery by the Soviets, to conduct Lutheran reading services as the anonymous Christian elder in the absence of the deported pastor. Then—in the course of World War II the German Wehrmacht conquered the whole Ukraine, coming into these German colonies in late 1941. The colonists greeted the Germans as liberators from godless communism. This time this poor fellow became a key collaborator and German confidant. His only daughter married an SS sergeant. The Church was everywhere officially restored, all known communists were officially expelled. Suddenly two years later the tide turned. Just before the Russian offensive began which was to push the German armies westward again, our friend was arrested by the German Gestapo (secret police) and transferred to the Moabit Penitentiary in Berlin. The charge: hiding his identity as a former member of the communist party!

Thousands and thousands of the German colonists now began to evacuate the Black Sea area together with the Wehrmacht, a retreat which was to end in Germany itself in May of 1945. Among these refugees were the wife and the married daughter of that man. During the Russian conquest of the city of Berlin in April 1945 he managed to escape incognito to western Germany. For 1½ years he traversed up and down the land, also corresponding with many church and refugee agencies concerning the whereabouts of his lost wife and daughter. He wrote letters over here to relatives in the Dako-

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tas in the hope that these might have received information about his loved ones. His search was finally rewarded when someone in this area sent him the address of the two lost people. Finally in 1947 there was a happy reunion of four people in a small Bavarian village, for the German son-in-law, had also come home, and discovered his wife and her parents.

Why are the details of this one family included here? Your writer had the opportunity to personally meet and speak to this person in Germany a few years ago. His father had turned over to him the old records of the Neudorf settlement here in the Dakota Territory years before. He had begun to fashion genealogies of the names on these American records—family names like Adam Schick, Adam Weller, Friedrich Himmrich, Johann Schlaht—people who had migrated to this country from Hoffnungsthal in 1890. With the help of the Hoffnungsthal, South Russia records, which were also in his possession, he was able to trace these names retrospectively to the German homeland itself.

With his permission, and copies of some of these family-trees, I took it upon myself to visit certain Schwaben villages near Stuttgart in the search of “missing links” which might bind these American-Russian-German family names to the people who long ago had left Germany for the pilgrimage to Russia.

This proved a most fascinating engagement during two European visits in 1957 and 1960. The places to haunt and search were invariably the Lutheran parsonages with their ancient archives, going back many centuries. I received the best of help from German fellow-clergymen, who often knew much more about the exodus of their countrymen of long ago than I dreamed. Many times my efforts were crowned with success, about which I shall speak a little later on.

Perhaps it should be pointed out in this connection, in order that we might get the whole story of these Schwaben colonists, that some very fine books of research have also been written, such as Pastor F. Gruenzweig's “Die Evangelische Brudergemeinde Korntal”. May it also be said in this connection that this research also covers the untold numbers of the Suebi in Russia who were not able to migrate to the U.S., but were left behind in their villages in southern Russia. Church statistics reveal that there are possibly one million such Protestants in widely scattered villages and communities of vast Siberia. The Soviet Government forcefully resettled them there in a spirit of vindictiveness and sovietization after the end of the last war. It is no secret that most of these Russian-Germans had collaborated with the German Wehrmacht during World War II. They looked upon German troops as blood relatives, but especially as liberators from the communist yoke. What tragedies took place in those villages of the Black Sea area immediately after 1945! These hamlets had always given secret refuge to former white czarist officers and political refugees from the feared NKWD (Russian Secret Police). We have reports which describe the terrible waves of retribution and murder which were meted out to the unfortunate German colonists who did not follow the receding Wehrmacht into Germany. Those

who survived these mass executions, especially of men, and deportations into slave labor camps of the Stalinist era, were forcefully transplanted into the northern Siberian tundras. All German colonies, such as Hoffnungsthal and Gluecksthal, were evacuated of their original inhabitants. In their places scores of Russians of non-Germanic stock were moved in. Strange as this may sound though, these same descendants of the Suebi in Siberia are again accomplishing agricultural miracles in the short summer seasons of these frigid regions. This has so impressed the Soviet Government that the Kremlin leaders are taking a good, hard look at this whole vast northern zone of the tremendously large continent as the future bread basket of their always sadly depleted agricultural reservoir. There are, of course, other heart-rending reports also. Thus Lutheran World Action reported two years ago that these settlers were clamoring for one million German Bibles which, they hoped, might be supplied them in the coming years. Then, we were all recently stirred by the sudden advent of thirty-two such peasants from Siberia, who had made a long, long pilgrimage to the U. S. Embassy in Moscow with one burning yearning: a refuge and asylum from the godless commissars who are making life unbearable for them all over again by and through atheistic propaganda and religious persecution. (We recall that one of the gains for Russian citizens in the course of World War II was the official proclamation of religious freedom by Stalin). What a travesty it was that our embassy officials could do nothing for these Siberian Christians — other than to smile embarrassedly, and to have them carted off to points unknown by the Soviet police in closed busses! Evidently our foreign protocol carries no rules for meeting such emergencies which involve aching human souls.

Let me close this essay by referring once more to the above-mentioned “missing links” concerning many of the names of our Dakotans today which it was my privilege to discover with the cooperation of the German pastors in various villages of ancient Schwabenland—names which had been traced to the very beginning of that great Exodus of a century and one half ago by that man from Hoffnungsthal. The greatest thrills I personally experienced took place in one or the other of these old “studies” with the old archives of such parsonages. For instance, when perusing the birth records of the early nineteenth or the late eighteenth century, how many times would such a Dakota family name pop up, the great-, great-, grand-fathers of many of our people here on the Great Plains today. And now and then a faithful pastor of that day, or some unknown chronicler had added a terse message above the record, something like this: “anno 1816 nach Russland verschollen.” What a world of enthusiasm and despair, religious zeal and deprivation, hope and fear, life and death, coming and departing, finding and losing such a message enfolds! “In the year 1816 lost somewhere in Russia!” Should we not in our blessed land today as the children's children of those our forefathers, whose eyes also saw the glory of the coming of the Lord . . .” (Battle — Hymn of the Republic) thankfully and humbly add this supplement: “Anno 1963, we the descendants of our pious fathers, found — by the Grace of Almighty God — in God's own country.”?!

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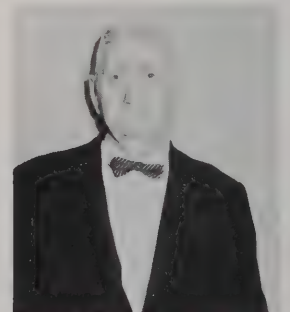
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CITY OF ASHLEY

Ashley commemorated its 50th anniversary with a three-day gala celebration in June, 1938, with an estimated crowd of 25,000 in attendance. Neighboring towns participated in the huge parade with floats and bands. Among the speakers were Adam A. Lefor, Stark County pioneer and State official, and District Judge Geo. M. McKenna. Mrs. Lydia Langer, wife of a former North Dakota Governor and U.S. Senator, gave the dedicatory address at the dedication of the Pioneer Memorial erected on the south shore of Lake Hoskins. The Honorable James Morris, State Supreme Court Justice, was the main speaker on the closing day. An interesting, well organized program made the occasion a huge success.

Mayor G. D. Grosz was at the helm, and serving as aldermen were: Christ Lahman, A. L. Teigen, John Albrecht, Otto Feil, Wm. Hildenbrand and Sam Krause.

As the city proceeded into the next 25-year period of history with which we are chiefly concerned, drought, depression, and WPA were still with us. At the beginning of the period, sidewalk construction, gravel surfacing of streets and alleys, a 20-foot strip of paving through the center of Main Street and concrete curb and gutter in the business section were the city's favorite WPA projects. The rains came! The area received near normal moisture during 1940, and crop and economic conditions improved each successive year.

The community had weathered the extended drought of the 1930's, and Ashley continued a healthy, prosperous growth. The city had a population of 1,315 in 1940, and 1,421 in 1960, according to the census report. Voters approved a \$45,000.00 bond issue in 1942 for construction of a municipal water and sewer system. Discontinuance of WPA, scarcity of materials, and World War II delayed the project until 1947.

In 1946, H. H. Jenner was elected to the office of City Mayor; Andrew Sackmann, Harold Spitzer, Ed Rau, John Huether, Gust Brosz, and Gail Hernett served as aldermen. This administration initiated construction of the first water and sewer facility. Originally this project was to be done under a grant and in cooperation with the Works Progress Administration, the discontinuance of which resulted in higher costs, and consequently, on April 1, 1946, voters approved increase of constitutional debt limit and a second bond issue for \$45,000.00. Municipal water and sewer improvements during the administration of Mayor Jenner represented a capital outlay of approximately \$400,000.00, providing facilities for more than ninety per cent of the city.

The 1950 city election generated considerable interest; 738 votes were cast in the contest for mayor and proved to be the closest race for that office during this 25-year period. Gail Hernett was elected and continued as mayor to the present time. Serving as city aldermen were: Dan Erlenbusch, Gottlieb Klipfel, Adam Rott, John J. Huether, G. C. Schock and Fred Breitmeyer.

Mayor Hernett made the following appointments which

were duly approved by the council: T. M. Buchholz, chief of police; Dan Jenner and Ben Lang, nightwatchmen; C. K. Retzer, street commissioner; Henry Ehley, Jr., water commissioner; A. B. Iszler, city auditor and B. E. Kretschmar, city attorney.

According to the proceedings of May 8, 1950, the city was graveling streets and alleys. A contract was awarded to Guggemos Construction Company for 6,000 cubic yards of crushed gravel for surfacing streets and alleys. Expenditures continued for this type of improvement, but the traffic in the city warranted more stable surfacing, and in the year 1953 the council initiated, and the citizens approved, a paving project in the amount of \$163,000.00. This project was financed through special assessments of property benefited plus general taxation of all property in the city at 20% of the total cost. This method of financing was used in all future paving projects. Similar projects were completed in 1956 at a cost of \$150,000.00 and in the year 1961, \$181,000.00 was expended for this purpose. Capital outlay for paving during the 1950's amounted to approximately one-half million dollars; over ninety per cent of the city's streets were paved, curbed and guttered.

Other major improvements: original hospital completed November, 1952, and a 12-bed addition in 1962; airport located less than two miles southeast of the city purchased in 1954, has beacon and boundary lights; City Park District created March, 1954; municipal swimming pool and sewage lagoon constructed during 1958; new Junior-Senior High School completed in 1961; a new white-way street lighting system installed in the business section; and an extension of water and sewer mains including two sewer-lift stations, providing facilities for all residents plus areas annexed to the city in 1962.

In the year 1958, a group of individuals prompted and led by G. H. Hernett, mayor, organized the Dakota Plowing Contest, the first such organization in the state. The initial contest in 1958 was very successful as were the contests held in 1959, 1960, 1961 and 1962. First place winner in 1958 was Raymond Zimmerman of Lehr, North Dakota and he successfully defended his crown in 1959, 1960, 1961 and 1962. Mr. Zimmerman participated in the National Plowing Contests held in Sioux Falls, South Dakota in 1960 and Melrose, Minnesota in 1962. G. H. Hernett as a representative of the Dakota Plowing Contest and as President of the Greater North Dakota Association was instrumental in getting the 1964 National Plowing Contest to the State of North Dakota.

Aldermen serving during this 25-year period: Sam Krause, (1936-1940); Christ Lahman, (1938-1942); A. L. Teigen, (1938-1940); John Albrecht, (1938-1943); Otto Feil, (1938-1940); Wm. Hildenbrand, (1938-1946); Gottlieb Klipfel, (1940-1944, 1950-1954); Emil F. Bertsch, (1940-1944, 1952-1956); Walter Doerr, (1942-1946); Ed Rau, (1942-1950); John J. Huether, (1944-48, 1950-54); H. H. Spitzer, (1944-48); Gust Brosz, (1944-August, 1947); Andrew Sackmann, (1946-

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1950); D. P. Erlenbusch, (October, 1947-1952); G. H. Hernett, 1946-1950); Fred Breitmeyer, (1948-1952); Adam Rott, (1948-1952); G. C. Schock, (1950-1954); Fred J. Hoffman, (1952-1956); John Salzer, (1952-August, 1952); Oliver J. Wahl, (1954-April, 1957); John Dockter, (1954-1958); Rudolph Ehley, (1954-October, 1957); and John M. Geiszler, (appointed May, 1957-1962).

The following gentlemen are serving as city aldermen at the present time: Christoph Fischer, elected September, 1952; Floyd C. Schock, elected December, 1957; Albert Klipfel and Adolph Schumacher, elected April, 1956; Edwin Ehley, elected April, 1958; and Wm. E. Meidinger, elected April, 1962.

The gentlemen who have served in the office of mayor during this 25-year period are: G. D. Grosz, (1938-1946); H. H. Jenner, (1946-1950); and G. H. Hernett, (1950-present incumbent).

City auditors: E. E. Spitzer, (1938-1946); A. B. Iszler, (1946-1954); and J. O. Dockter, (1954-present incumbent).

City treasurers: F. F. Bender, (1938-1946); Rudolph R. Spitzer, (1946-1947); and E. E. Wiedmann, (1947-present incumbent).

City attorneys: Franz Shubeck, (1938-1940); A. O. Ginnow, (1940-1948); and B. E. Kretschmar, (1948-present incumbent).

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THE VERY FIRST TO COME

It is generally known that the first influx of settlers into McIntosh County began in the early 1880's, but just who were the first, how did they find their way around, and what did they see when they got here? McIntosh County came into existence by act of the Legislature of Dakota Territory held at Yankton, South Dakota in January, 1883 when Logan County was divided and the southern portion named McIntosh after one of the members of the Legislature. McIntosh County legally became a county when the act was approved March 9, 1883. Except for a few hunters and trappers and some travel, mostly military, over the Fort Yates trail which traversed the county east to west, there had been no settlement of any kind. The first filing of a pre-emption claim was by George Coyle, April 19, 1884 at Coldwater. The Basye Ranch later established there. It is of considerable interest, therefore, to follow the travel of the first group that explored the possibilities of the new county. Liberty is, therefore, taken in reprinting here a letter written by Geo. W. Lilly, the leader of this group, which letter was written to Nina F. Wishek and printed in her history of McIntosh County on page 11 of "Along the Trails of Yesterday."

"As I did not arrive in Dakota Territory until 1887, I asked Mr. George W. Lilly of Portland, Oregon, to chronicle the details of his first interesting trip down from Bismarck to Hoskins Lake, then unnamed, and to tell something of its subsequent settlement in the eighties. Mr. Lilly and family left Ashley in January, 1895. I asked him how he happened to come to McIntosh county as one of its first settlers and if the first men who drove into the county came from the East. The following was his reply:

"First, I would say that most of the very first settlers were living at Bismarck and in real estate and allied business there. It was in the latter part of April, 1884, that a party of ten men who were then in Bismarck decided to begin the settlement of McIntosh county and locate a townsite as a nucleus for future business and to become the future county seat. From the surveyor's notes it was seen that a lake, afterwards called Hoskins, was near the central part of the county, and so we took our course to that place.

On this first trip I hired a pony and buggy with an arrangement that I could purchase the same for \$80.00 instead of paying the hire, and I led the way over the trackless prairie across Emmons and McIntosh counties to the lake. We returned to Bismarck about May 10 by way of the west end of Green Lake; there we passed through water deep enough that it was above the floor of the buggy, but the pony plodded steadily through it. Then and there I fell in love with "Katy," as I called her, and closed the bargain by buying her and the buggy and drove her back immediately to Hoskins Lake to help in building several shanties on claims.

Although this region, which had been a part of Logan county, had been made into a county, none of the land had been subdivided into sections; however, the township lines had been located and marked. These men planned to drive across country to a lake which they knew was in the south

central part. With two teams of horses and two spring wagons and the pony and open buggy driven by the writer, this party of men traveled over a wagon road to a point about four miles east of Williamsport, Emmons county, but from that point on there was no road. Being a civil engineer and surveyor and accustomed to the use of a compass, the writer was asked to drive in the lead from there and to let the others follow.

Taking the bearing as nearly as possible from the map, we drove across the hills without anything to check our location for a distance of nearly fifty miles. We finally came in sight of the lake we sought, turned toward it, and found we had missed it about one and one-half miles to the west. We camped on the south side of the lake on the land which was afterward platted and became the town of Hoskins and the first county seat of the county. This was early in May. Only two of this party remained to settle upon the land, C. C. Morrell and the writer.

The pony used on this trip was a sorrel of Morgan stock and was driven by the writer and J. H. Wishek for more than thirteen years after this time in McIntosh and into surrounding counties. Every early settler will remember Katy. At this time the only road was the old military trail east and west through the county to Fort Yates, and the only sign of a building was a recently built shack of George Coyle at Coldwater Lake near the place where Chas. V. Basye, his brother-in-law, afterward established his cattle ranch.

The next settlers to arrive were John H. Wishek and S. A. Bowes, who came across the country from Bismarck and located claims. Mr. Bowes afterward left and settled at Ellendale. Since that, others have gone, and Mr. Wishek is the first settler of all those that now remain in the county.

We had left Bismarck about May 4 and arrived at the lake on the tenth of May, 1884. On May 7 I located a pre-emption on the hill southeast and cornering the lake. This was the second claim located in the county, the first being that of George Coyle on April 19 at Coldwater. There was one other shack used by teamsters, north of Goose Lake beside the Fort Yates trail. These were the only buildings in the county on May 6, 1884. When we went by the west end of Green Lake where Clare D. Johnson afterward had his ranch for some years, we saw nothing to indicate settlement there. I saw him first in the latter part of May, when he and Lewis F. Tichnor drove up there, coming from the east on the Fort Yates trail.

We soon hauled lumber from Ellendale and in May, 1884, built the first house on the Hoskins townsite. Soon afterward, the first claim shanty, that of the writer, was built just east of Hoskins. Next were those of C. C. Morrell, W. O. McIntosh, John H. Wishek, Hod. Bear, and a few others not long after. These were all ten feet by twelve feet, with gable roofs and shingled. As the land was not yet surveyed into sections, these were squatters' rights. About this time Oscar E. Rea, a deputy land surveyor, secured the

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contract and commenced the subdivision of nine townships. Most of the time the writer was in charge as compass man, and Mr. Wishek was with the party and helped to build the mounds. The surveys were approved and filings were made by the first settlers the following fall, and some of us had made final proof on our pre-emptions by the first of January, 1885.

About June 15, 1884, applications were made to the government for survey of the lands, and on the seventh day of September plats were in the land offices at Bismarck and Aberdeen ready for the filings. The usual time required to accomplish all this is from six months to a year, which goes to show that no pains were spared by the above-named gentlemen to have the county settled.

Other settlers not mentioned above and who came in during the year were Alanson Richards and family, Clara Johnson, Alex McDonald, and the McKays, E. K. McGogy, and others.

The village of Hoskins was platted about June 1884, upon land acquired by script and additional homestead locations, the titles to which were the first recorded in McIntosh county on the first page of the first book of deeds. The plat of Hoskins covered 145.5 acres of land on the south side of Lake Hoskins. This name was given to the village and the lake in compliment to Colonel C. A. Lounsberry, (that being his wife's maiden name), who was the owner of the Bismarck Tribune, the first newspaper published in North Dakota as subsequently organized into a state. The paper had been established in Bismarck in 1873.

The village of Hoskins was laid out and owned by ten men: Hobart J. Whitley, Eugene A. Lilly, George W. Lilly, Edward H. Wilson, Charles C. Morrell, Fred W. Smith, Orlando F. Davis, Seth D. McNeal, Charles W. Renard, and Frederick T. Perry, each having a one-tenth interest.

Hoskins was designated as the county seat and so remained until the spring of 1888, when the county seat was removed to Ashley in pursuance of a vote by the electors of the county at the election in November, 1887. In the spring of 1888, all offices and stores and other buildings were moved from Hoskins to Ashley, and only the school house was left on the old site of Hoskins."

George W. Lilly

HISTORICAL SUMMARY

"The following article which repeats data by Mr. Lilly still has included further points of historical interest, and it seems fitting to publish the two sketches, so typical of the two men who were so prominent in the surveying, settling, and building up of the county."

REPORT PRESENTED TO THE OLD SETTLERS' ASSOCIATION OF McINTOSH COUNTY

June 20, 1906, by J. H. Wishek, Historian

Some time in April, 1884, a party of gentlemen consisting of M. H. Jewell, H. J. Whitley, Eugene Lilly, S. D. McNeal, F. T. Perry, and Geo. W. Lilly departed from Bismarck, North Dakota, in a southerly direction on a land seeking expedition. After travelling one hundred miles, they landed at a beautiful lake about three miles west of Ashley, known today as Lake Hoskins. It seemed to them that the fertile valleys of McIntosh county were the most promising lands they had passed through during their three weeks journey. There were no settlers in the county except at Coldwater, where C. V. Basye had built himself a residence preparatory to entering into the cattle business and opening up a cattle ranch.

The next building on the borders of Lake Hoskins was constructed by Charles C. Morrell, George W. Lilly, and E. A. Lilly. The house they then constructed was the second building in the county and is now owned by Mrs. James J. Briggs. On June 15, 1884, application was made to the government for a survey of the lands, and on the seventeenth day of September the same year, plans were in the hands of the Land Office at Bismarck and Aberdeen, ready for filing.

A stage route was established between Hoskins and Ellendale. George W. Abbott was the first postmaster. In the latter part of September, Governor Pierce appointed Chas. V. Basye, C. C. Morrell, and George W. Lilly, commissioners. They convened October 4, appointed different officers, and located temporarily the county seat at Hoskins.

The first residence was erected and occupied by Chas. C. Morrell on the southwest quarter of section 34, township 130, range 70. The first paper printed in McIntosh county was known as the McIntosh County Herald, edited by Paul P. Orth, and the first issue thereof was at Hoskins, November 12, 1884, published at Bismarck. The next paper established was at Hoskins, December 4, 1886, and was known as the McIntosh County Democrat, also being published by Paul P. Orth. Afterwards it fell into the hands of T. J. Lamunyan and A. W. Clyde and was discontinued several years later. In 1889 the McIntosh County Republican was established by a syndicate and shortly thereafter transferred to H. R. Clowes and then to Fred Heiss, the present publisher.

It would perhaps not be amiss to give you a little description of the ancient village of Hoskins that has been erased from the face of the map as a result of its citizens having deserted and moved into the village of Ashley. The building owned by Mrs. Briggs (heretofore mentioned) was the first building erected in the village of Hoskins. Afterwards a young man by the name of McKay erected a hotel building which was removed to the village of Ashley, has since been improved, and is at present day known as the Cooper Hotel. The next building, which was later destroyed by fire, was the home of Alanson Richards, who had filed upon a homestead near Hoskins. Next erected was a small store building put up by G. T. Springen and T. O. Gulack and also later

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removed to Ashley. In the spring of 1885 J. H. Wishek moved his claim shanty into Hoskins and established the first county building. There all county business was transacted. Additions were made to it from time to time, and in the year 1888 the building was removed to Ashley, where it was consumed by fire in the year 1901.

Two gentlemen named George W. Stone and E. H. Lawrence erected a hardware store and a dwelling. The hardware store is now in Ashley and the present home of Mrs. I. C. A. Thorn. The dwelling that they erected was moved to Ashley and from there to the homestead of John C. Williams a few miles south of Ashley and then was again removed to Ashley, where it is the present home of Mrs. John C. Williams. The homes of Messrs. Gulack and Lilly were likewise removed from Hoskins to Ashley.

Mr. and Mrs. Marlatt came to the county of McIntosh in the spring of 1885 and erected a residence upon their homestead about two miles from Hoskins. Mr. C. C. Hammond came in 1885 and filed upon a homestead.

The most compact settlement was established in what is known as the Lowell Valley, about six miles south of Hoskins. It included the following members: Messrs. James Beveridge, Chas. M. Johnson and Warner Piper, the three Godfrey brothers, Martin A., Horace and Augustus, Geo. W. Powell, Hans Kringlen, Minnie Gilbertson, Maurice Hayes, Alphonso Hillard, C. D. Johnson, Wm. J. Mason, Geo. F. Shergard, J. H. Wishek, Samuel Bushman, Henry G. Lewis, Chas. W. McKay, Paul P. Orth, Wm. A. Goodwin, Wm. E. Hadley, Chas. E. Rice, Geo. S. Gregory, Geo. W. Stone, John Ogden, Mary Richards, Richard A. Larimer, Chas. Herried, Phoebe M. Beebe, Elmer H. Dirth, Chas. B. Sherwyock, Geo. E. Lawrence, Geo. T. Cottrell, David Rothrock, John M. Rothrock, Louise Hill, Daniel Price, Carrie S. Rodgers, Fred Spencer, Elwyn Amburn, Richard Simpson, John C. Williams, Arthur Brundage, E. A. Shanck, Douglas Merrifield, A. T. Wiles, C. B. Howk, Theodore Gulack, Alanson Richards, Henry Miller, Christian Miller, H. S. Bear, George Haas, Conrad Miller, Chas. C. Morrell, F. G. Hauck, Wellington Marlatt, E. K. McGogy."

HEUPEL'S CAFE

For many years a favorite gathering place in Ashley was the present Heupel's Cafe building. It was constructed in 1903 by Mrs. Freda Forrest, who operated the business as a hotel and cafe for many years until she sold it to Fred Wenger. The Wengers operated the business for a short time, then sold to Wm. Kautt who in turn sold to his sister-in-law, Mrs. Louise Marek in 1928. In the year 1946 Mrs. Marek sold the business to Reinie Spitzer, who with his wife operated it until they sold in 1948 to Christ Naasz who in turn sold to Elmer Pfeifle in 1951. Other owners were Melvin Mettler and LeRoy Kramer.

Out of operation in 1956 and 1957, the business was then leased to Albert Brandner, who operated it until 1959 when it was taken over by Edwin Walker who operated it until November 1959. It was then that the present owner, Elmer Heupel, took over and is operating the business at the present time.

SOME EARLY SOO LINE HISTORY

Seeking authentic history of the establishment of the railroad, officials of the Soo Line were contacted. This information in a letter from Wallace W. Abbey, Director of Public Relations, being concise and informative is printed as received:

"... The question you raised with our real estate department over the origin of the Pollock Branch took a little digging, but it appears that your assumption as to the origin of the line is substantially correct. Our records show that the Ordway, Bismarck and Northwestern Railroad Company was incorporated in Dakota Territory on May 31, 1883. There is no indication of the original intent of the line, although on June 1, 1887, the name of the company was changed to Aberdeen, Bismarck and Northwestern Railroad Company. It would seem to be true that the company intended to build to Aberdeen.

"Our records further show that the Aberdeen, Bismarck and Northwestern was itself incorporated in Dakota Territory on June 13, 1887. Then, on June 11, 1888, this company was consolidated with three other railway companies, the Minneapolis and St. Croix; the Minneapolis, Sault Ste. Marie and Atlantic; and the Minneapolis and Pacific, to form the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Railway Company. The line of descendency is then, of course, through the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Railroad Company to the present Soo Line Railroad Company.

"Best wishes on your Jubilee. Bob Nelson has loaned me copies of Nina Wishek's history of McIntosh County and 'Rose Berries in Autumn.' We will be carrying a mention of the Jubilee in the June issue of the Soo Liner."

Wallace W. Abbey

Director of Public Relations



THE OLD LAND OFFICE

This is where so many of the early settlers filed on their claims. This picture probably was taken in 1884 at Hoskins. Pictured left to right are: Christian Weber, Harry McMillian, John C. Schaeffer, LaMotte Miles, C. D. Johnson, Fred Heiss, R. A. Larimer, John H. Wishek, I. C. A. Thorn and J. M. Hanson.

HOW McINTOSH COUNTY ACTUALLY STARTED

Everything must have a beginning and McIntosh County is no exception. The first settlement in the county was on the south shore of Lake Hoskins and the community was named Hoskins. The site was platted and later streets were laid out, but it was incumbent upon the handful of adventurous fore-runners to the virgin land to actually organize the county. Under date of September 25, 1884 Governor Gilbert A. Pierce appointed George W. Lilly, Charles C. Morrell and Charles V. Basye as county commissioners. These men with the assistance and guidance of John H. Wishek, an attorney, took the necessary steps to put the wheels of county government in operation. The very first minutes as found in the office of the County Auditor are entitled "Records of McIntosh County, Territory of Dakota, Hoskins, McIntosh County, Dakota, October 4th, 1884" and set out the actions that were taken by the three commissioners in the organization of the county.

They first set out the boundaries of the three commissioners' districts and appointed three county commissioners, who were the same as those named by Governor Pierce. They also appointed county officials, the first named being J. H. Wishek to the office of Register of Deeds and also county Clerk of Court. Mr. Wishek also acted as States Attorney without pay. He probably was the only official in the history of the county to hold three offices at the same time.

Alanson Richards was appointed probate judge; Alexander McDonald, sheriff; Horace L. Bear, treasurer; George W. Abbott, superintendent of schools; C. D. Johnson, assessor; David Richey, coroner; George W. Lilly, surveyor; C. D. Johnson, Samuel Basye, W. O. McIntosh and Isaac Lincoln, justices of the peace; Jason W. Love, George Coyle, T. G. Springer and E. N. Lund, constables. The minutes further show that the treasurer was required to give a bond of \$1,000.00.

After establishing the commissioner districts, election precincts were designated with Coldwater being named number 1, Jewell number 2, and Hoskins number 3.

A motion was made that the county clerk issue a general election call to vote a permanent location of the county seat. Upon motion, the temporary county seat was located on a tract described as the E2SW4 and W2SE4 of Section 33, Township 130, Range 70, on the south side of Hoskins Lake. This land is now owned by Walter Kraemer, and the lake shore portion by the Wishek Investment Company. The newly-appointed officials furnished bonds, and McIntosh County was in business. The first minutes were signed by Geo. W. Lilly, chair-



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Ashley, North Dakota

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man, and J. H. Wishek, clerk.

The first county election was held November 4th, 1884. Judges of election were paid \$2.00 and the clerks \$2.00. These sums were paid to Charles Basye, Lannue Basye and George W. Coyle, judges, and Alphonse Hilliard and Robert Ballantine, clerks, Coldwater precinct; George W. Lilly, Geo. W. Abbott and Tosten G. Springer, judges, and Jno. S. Kjos and Isaac Lincoln, clerks, Jewell precinct; and Charles C. Morrell, Alanson Richards and J. H. Wishek, judges, and E. K. McGogy and W. O. McIntosh, clerks, Hoskins precinct. The next election was November, 1886. Polling places were Coldwater precinct, house of C. D. Johnson; Jewell, the house of Geo. W. Lilly; and Hoskins, the store of Wm. F. Smith. Judges of election for Coldwater precinct were C. D. Johnson, Alex Linn and Daniel Reinke; for Jewell precinct, Frederick Dix, M. D. Whipple and T. G. Springer; and for Hoskins precinct, Martin Godfrey, Alex McDonald and George Gregory.

The early commissioners records are filled with many interesting and unusual items, and it would be well worthwhile for students or others interested in early history of McIntosh County to investigate the early books in the courthouse.

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Register of Deeds



MELVIN BAUMANN
Sheriff



ARTHUR GIEDT
Superintendent of Schools

McINTOSH COUNTY HISTORY

On September 25, 1884, after due formalities had been met, the Honorable Gilbert A. Pierce, Governor of the Territory of Dakota, appointed George W. Lilly, Charles C. Morell and Charles V. Basye as first County Commissioners. These gentlemen met in the Post Office at Hoskins on October 4, 1884, and completed the county organization by appointing the following officers: J. H. Wishek—Register of Deeds and County Clerk; Alanson Richards—Probate Judge; Alexander McDonald—Sheriff; George W. Abbot—Superintendent of Schools; Horace L. Bear—County Treasurer; C. D. Johnson—Assessor; David Rickey—Coroner, and George E. Lilly—Surveyor. The first courthouse was built at Hoskins. This building was moved to Ashley in 1888, and in 1920 was replaced by the present courthouse.

McIntosh County has an area of 1008 square miles with a population of 6,702, according to the 1960 census report. The county is located on the eastern margin of the Missouri Plateau, with an average elevation of 2000 feet, 88 per cent of the western part being in the Missouri River Drainage Basin. There are no large rivers flowing through the county. Lakes, pot-holes, and sloughs are characteristic of the area. The average annual precipitation is between 18 and 20 inches.

The first settlers came from the east and central states, whose fathers had pioneered that area at an earlier date. There is one peculiarity to be noted in the roster of the earliest settlers. There was not a single name showing a German derivation. These English-speaking land seekers came from many walks of life: miners, railroad men, barbers, bakers, school teachers, lawyers, and merchants, who shortly after acquiring their allotted government land, disposed of it, and worked themselves into the business for which they had been trained.

In the early months of 1885, there was a great influx of German-Russian immigrants. The population became predominately German and has remained so ever since. It is said that over a thousand people located in the county during 1885. The county was well settled before the railroad arrived.

In 1898 the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Saulte Ste. Marie Railroad came to Wishek and in 1901, to Ashley, going on west to Venturia and into South Dakota. In 1902 the Chicago, Milwaukee built through Zeeland, thus the transportation needs of the pioneer settlers were quite adequate for the time.

Widespread use of trucks and automobiles created a demand for an improved road system. The state and county embarked upon an extensive road building program in the 1920's. State highway 3, 11 and 13, as well as numerous county roads, were built during this period. Increased traffic demanded further improvement and with cessation of World War II came the inauguration of Federal aid for state and county highways. Prior to 1950, the state highway system consisted of four miles of paving in the county. Today all state roads are paved, plus six miles on the county system, connecting every city in the county. The county highway system in addition to the six miles of paving consists of 210 miles of Federal aid Farm-to-Market and 620 miles

of county road, all of which are gravel surfaced. There are two airports in the county, located at Wishek and Ashley. The field at Ashley has boundary lights for night landing.

A revolutionary change took place in the public school system of McIntosh County the past decade. There were 30 school districts in the county in 1940, with 80 one-room schools in operation. There are three rural school districts and five reorganized districts at the present time. One of these five is a part of the Kulm district.

School building and equipment of the four reorganized districts in McIntosh County represents a capital outlay of approximately three and one-half million dollars. All rural children in the organized districts are transported daily by school bus, which necessitates the maintenance of a good county road network.

The county provides many recreational facilities: swimming and fishing in the lakes during the summer, deer and duck hunting during the fall. The county is in the central flyway, a migratory path of the ducks and geese coming from Canada.

The county is located in a climatic area which scientists maintain is one of the most healthful. Its people are energetic, resourceful and progressive. Within the county there are three doctors, three dentists and two modern hospitals.

The following have served as county commissioners and county auditors during the last twenty-five years:

First District: Johnnie Knopp (1939-1942), present incumbent, Fred F. Wolf.

Second District: John Salzer (1939-1950), Fred G. Klipfel (1951-1954), present incumbent, John Salzer.

Third District: Jacob J. Brosy (April, 1939-July, 1939), William E. Kretschmar (August, 1939-1940), Otto Meidinger (1941-1944), A. M. Nolz (1945-1948), present incumbent, Edwin A. Boschee.

County Auditor: J. O. Dockter (April, 1939-1945), Walter Breitling (April, 1945-1947), A. B. Iszler (April, 1947-1955), J. O. Dockter (April, 1955-1963), Myron Ehley, (April 1963-).

OFFICE OF COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The following served as County Superintendents since 1938: Edward Doerr (1934-1948), Herbert Roth (1949-1953), present incumbent, Arthur Giedt.

Many changes have taken place in the McIntosh County educational system in the past 25 years. In 1938, there were 30 school districts in the county. There were 100 rural schools in operation in the county, plus four high schools, located in Ashley, Wishek, Lehr, and Zeeland. In the year 1958, the first reorganized school district was formed in Ashley. Two other districts reorganized in 1959, Lehr and Zeeland. The

McINTOSH COUNTY HISTORY — cont'd

OFFICE OF COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS — cont'd

Wishek plan for reorganization after a second attempt, went into operation in 1960. Several annexations took place since 1958, leaving a total of seven school districts in McIntosh County. Of the seven remaining districts, three districts remain as unattached or as original districts.

Years before school reorganization, over half of the rural school teachers held no certificate and had little or no training. For instance in 1955-56, out of 63 rural teachers, 40 teachers were not certified. This was due mainly because the law was not rigid enough. Since 1958, McIntosh County has employed no uncertified teachers. Note the following statistics:

Year	High Enrollment	Grade Enrollment	High School Teachers	Grade Teachers	Rural Schools	Total Expenditures	Size in Districts
1937-38	418	2093	54	128	100	\$ 80,564.67	30
1947-48	390	1381	49	90	73	259,687.77	30
1957-58	474	1243	40	73	52	478,442.79	30
1958-59	489	1269	33	72	44	505,982.88	22
1959-60	539	1357	47	54	38	590,531.45	15
1960-61	522	1353	35	50	20	641,173.42	9
1961-62	527	1355	36	51	3	797,307.38	7

McINTOSH COUNTY JUDGE AND CLERK OF COURT

A. W. Meidinger was the incumbent County Judge and Clerk of Court at the time of Ashley's Golden Jubilee in 1938 and served until 1941. Karl J. Wiest was elected County Judge and Clerk of Court in 1940 and served from 1941 until 1949. Henry Heupel was elected County Judge and Clerk of Court in 1948 and is the present incumbent.

Statistics for the past 25 years from the files of the office of County Judge and Clerk of Court for McIntosh County:

Marriage licenses issued	1641
Probate cases filed	863
Mental health cases filed	99

On July 1, 1961, the County Justice law went into effect, which abolished all justices of the peace in the State of North Dakota. Thereupon, these duties were imposed upon the county judge. From July 1, 1961 to the present time, 258 justice cases have been filed and disposed of.

Civil cases filed	1001
Criminal cases filed	158
Juvenile cases filed	64
Birth certificates filed from 1943 to the present time	2600
Death certificates filed from 1943 to the present time	795

During the past 25 years, there have been 24 terms of court held in the District Court of McIntosh County.

The first marriage license on record in the office of the county judge was issued to Martin E. Pratt and Sally A. Paxton, both of McIntosh County, Dakota on December 18, 1885. Officiating at the wedding was Alanson Richards, Probate Judge.

The second marriage on record was that of George E. Lawrence and Helen Castor, both of Hoskins, Dakota, on January 17, 1886. Officiating was C. C. Hammond, Justice of Peace.

The first probate on record is for the estate of Gunder K. Springen, filed on March 3, 1886. A. Richards was judge of the Probate Court of the County of McIntosh, Territory of Dakota.

The first civil case filed in the office of Clerk of Court: A. W. Clyde, Plaintiff vs W. G. Lawhead and J. A. T. Bjornson, Defendants

Date of filing was August 14, 1889

Plaintiff's attorney — Geo. H. Fay, Ashley.

Defendant's attorney — E. P. Perry, Ellendale, N. Dak.

The first criminal case filed in the Clerk of Court office:

State of North Dakota vs Fred Herphold

Date of filing was May 9, 1898

A. W. Clyde was States Attorney

The first divorce was granted to Friedrich and Rosina Mayer on November 28, 1892; plaintiff's attorney: Wishek & Lilly.

First birth recorded by the Clerk of Court: Emma Rempfer, born at Kassel, N. D. on July 16, 1899. Father was George Rempfer; mother Fredericka Breiting.

First death on record: Richard Schreuck, on July 2, 1899; age 2 years; cause of death was diphtheria. Father's name was Peter Schreuck. Place of death, Kassel, N. D.

McINTOSH COUNTY

HISTORY — cont'd

Some notes from the office of the County Treasurer:

The following served as County Treasurer during the past 25 years:

G. Juengling, May 1, 1937 to April 8, 1939.

R. G. Mensing (by appointment) April 8, 1939 to April 30, 1941.

Walter Breitling, May 1, 1941 to April 30, 1945.

Henry Heupel, May 1, 1945 to April 30, 1949.

Ernest Oberlander, May 1, 1949 to January, 1953.

Emil A. Sayler, January, 1953 to the present time.

Growth and development of the county is graphically shown by the figures of real and personal property taxes levied to the County Treasurer as follows: for the year 1938, \$101,010.00; for the year 1962, \$1,017,469.68 which includes taxes and special assessments.

Items from the office of the Register of Deeds:

Balthasar Iszler Jr. was Register of Deeds at the time of the Ashley Golden Jubilee in 1938.

Mr. Iszler held the office until the election of Wm. Bader Jr. who was elected in 1954, and held the office for two terms.

Edwin Haupt was elected in the fall of 1958, taking office in January, 1959, and is the present incumbent.

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OUR DENTISTS

While no figures are available, it can, no doubt, be said that it is most unusual that Ashley has had but two dentists in the local practice for over 53 years — Dr. E. C. Huttman and Dr. Leo Cohen.

Dr. Huttman established a dental practice in Ashley in 1910, and practiced here continuously until retiring in 1942. Mr. and Mrs. Huttman are presently living in Whittier, California, and continue to maintain their interest in Ashley.

Dr. Leo Cohen is the son of Mrs. Noah Dorfman, who resides in Ashley. Noah Dorfman was a long-time cattle buyer in the county. Dr. Cohen was graduated from Ashley High School in 1921, and received his dental degree from the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry in 1926, during which year he opened a practice in Ashley. On July 3, 1933, he was married to Mary Margaret Brennan of Pembina, North Dakota, who had been teaching school in Ashley.

Dr. Cohen served as a dental officer in the United States Army from 1942 to 1946, and served in France and in Okinawa until the end of World War II. He returned to Ashley at that time and continued his interrupted dental practice. He maintains a modern dental establishment at 114 Street NW.

The Cohens had two children: Paul, who was born in 1937, and Mary Kathleen, born in 1948, who is attending Ashley High School. Their son, Paul, lost his life in an automobile accident in 1954.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

Ashley Lodge No. 115 I. O. O. F., one of the city's pioneer fraternal organizations, was organized August, 1907. Charter members were W. J. Forrest, N. P. J. Nielsen, H. D. Piper, R. C. Miles, P. T. Kretschmar, LaMotte Miles, M. A. Godfrey and Arthur J. Ames. Thirty-six members were initiated and taken into the order on the night of its organization. Although the order has been dormant in recent years, it had always been active. Meetings were held every Monday evening.

Officers in 1963 are Gail H. Hernet, noble grand; Adam Walker, vice grand; Robert Bertsch, treasurer; Harold Jenner, financial secretary; and Kenneth Lynn, recording secretary.

Other members are Walter Froh, a past grand, and Elton Freeman.

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Left to right: Edwin A. Boschee, chairman of board, commissioner, third district; John Salzer, commissioner, second district; Fred F. Wolf, commissioner, first district.

COURT HOUSE EMPLOYEES AND OFFICERS



Back row, left to right: Fred Dewald, Alfred Fregien, Reinhold Roeszler, Arthur Schrenk, Vernon Moos, Phillip Dockter, Gottfried Bertsch. —Second row from back, left to right: Andrew Bosch, Emil A. Sayler, Henry Heupel, Arthur Giedt, Edwin Haupt, Emil E. Wiedmann, Ernest Oberlander. —Third row from left to right: Mrs. Robert Pfeifle, Mrs. Donald

Dockter, Mrs. Grant Beveridge, Mrs. Gottfried Harsch, Elsie Pfahl, Mrs. Lorence Sackmann, Mrs. Dennis Haupt, Mrs. Lawrence Schnabel, Mrs. Marvin Lehr. —First row, left to right: Bruce E. Kretschmar, J. O. Dockter, Fred F. Wolf, John Salzer, Edwin A. Boschee, Melvin Baumann, Albert B. Iszler. Not shown — Myron Ehley, County Auditor-elect.

ASHLEY DIAMOND JUBILEE COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN



Back row, left to right: Gottlieb Thurn, Walter Hoerth, J. O. Dockter, B. F. Heitzmann, Max A. Wishek.

Middle row, left to right: Milbert Bauer, Adolph Thurn, Mrs. Wm. Baumann, Mrs. Wm. Giedt, Mrs. Emil Wiedmann,

Mrs. Marvin Kessel.

Front row, left to right: F. F. Bender, Lydia Weber, Ed. Rau, A. H. Kessel.

Not pictured are Walt Froh and Emil F. Bertsch.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE: Walt Froh, chairman; Mrs. H. H. Jenner, Oswald Weisser, Mrs. Kenneth Lynn, Mrs. Vivian Meidinger, William E. Kretschmar, and Walter Hoerth.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: A. H. Kessel, chairman; Leonard Roeszler, Albert Golz, Ernest Oberlander, Mrs. H. H. Jenner, and Reinhold Bendewald.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Adolph Thurn, chairman; Oswald Weisser, Martin Bertsch, Emil Wiedmann, and Cliff Jeske.

HISTORICAL BOOK COMMITTEE: Max A. Wishek, chairman; Calford Mayer, Harold Dockter, E. W. Schock, Mrs. Leo Cohen, Mrs. Walter Froh, Mrs. Mildred Johnson, Mrs. Max Wishek, Jr., Mrs. Albert Maier, and Mrs. Gerald Coyle.

ADVERTISING COMMITTEE: F. F. Bender, chairman; Andrew Sackmann, Gotthilf Bendewald, Fred J. Hoffman, Edward Bendewald, Walter Doerr, Don Kounovsky, Sam Weisz, Ervin Sackmann, Otto Helfenstein, Richard Klipfel, Ray Giedt, and Les Laudon.

HISTORICAL EXHIBIT COMMITTEE: B. F. Heitzmann, chairman; Christ Rott, Mrs. Mildred Johnson, Mrs. Kenneth Lynn, Mrs. Max A. Wishek, Sr., and Mary Kretschmar.

WHISKERS COMMITTEE: Milbert Bauer, chairman; Carroll Spitzer, Reinie Dockter, William E. Kretschmar, Marvin

Vossler, Earl Weisz, Elroy Walker, Dennis Schock, and Roger Klipfel.

HISTORICAL PARADE COMMITTEE: Walter Hoerth, chairman; Arthur Schrenk, William Thurn, Chris Maier, Adam L. Walker, N. A. Miller, Ray Salzer and Gideon Dobler.

POLICING COMMITTEE: J. O. Dockter, chairman.

CONCESSIONS COMMITTEE: Ed Rau, chairman; Fred Breitmeyer and Myron Rau.

OLDTIMERS COMMITTEE: Emil F. Bertsch, chairman; Adam L. Walker, Emil Spitzer and John Salzer.

DANCE COMMITTEE: Gottlieb Thurn, chairman; Dave Helmer, Oscar Martz, Floyd Schock, Kenneth Lynn, and Edward Bendewald.

ACCOMMODATIONS COMMITTEE: Mrs. Emil Wiedmann, chairman; and Mrs. Adolph Thurn.

DIAMOND DAMES: Mrs. William Baumann, chairman; Mrs. William Giedt, co-chairman; Mrs. Grant Beveridge, and Elsie Pfahl.

CORONATION COMMITTEE: Lydia Weber, chairman; Mrs. Vicki Robinson, Elsie Pfahl, Mrs. Floyd Schock, and Mrs. Edwin Kramer.

Jubilee Committee Chairmen — cont'd

ALUMNI REUNION COMMITTEE: Mrs. Marvin Kessel, chairman; Mrs. Vivian Meidinger, and Mrs. G. H. Hernett.

GRADUATING CLASS REPRESENTATIVES: 1913 to 1928, alumni committee; 1929, Mrs. Adolph Thurn; 1930, Mrs. Gottfried Harsch; 1931, Mrs. Walter Doerr; 1932, Mrs. Wm. Thurn; 1933, Mrs. Albert B. Iszler; 1934, Mrs. Walter Kraemer; 1935, Mrs. Gottlieb Thurn; 1936, Mrs. Adolph Schumacher; 1937, Richard Vanourny; 1938, Mrs. Ed Delzer; 1939, Harold Dockter; 1940, Mrs. Ray Giedt; 1941, Mrs. Ted Woehl; 1942, Vernon Jenner; 1943, Mrs. Albert Maier; 1944, Mrs. Albert Haller; 1945, Mrs. Vernon Jenner; 1946, Mrs. Aaron Haas; 1947, Mrs. Wilbert Opp; 1948, Mrs. Elroy Walker; 1949, Mrs. Max Wishek, Jr.; 1950, Mrs. Floyd Schock; 1951, Mrs. Lawrence Schnabel; 1952, Mrs. Milton Walz; 1953, Mrs. Marvin Lehr; 1954, Mrs. Carrold Spitzer; 1955, Mrs. Eddie Kramer; 1956, Mrs. Roger Haupt; 1957, Mrs. Leonard Gross; 1958, Mrs. Roger Klipfel; 1959, Mrs. James Delzer; 1960, Dianne Maerz; 1961, Mrs. Dennis Haupt; and 1962, Judy Bertsch.

NITSCHKE BLACKSMITH SHOP

The building which houses Nitschke's Blacksmith Shop is one of the early business places still remaining. It is thought to have been built by John D. Laemmele.

In 1922, the Schaeffer brothers, John and Christ, sold their blacksmithing business to Ed Layer, who sold to Ed Schumacher in 1945.

In 1957, August Nitschke bought it from Ed Schumacher and is still operating the shop.

KESSEL IMPLEMENT

Gottlieb Kessel bought the building and business of John Hoffman in 1925. Then he, with Fred Fink as a partner, formed the firm of Kessel and Fink, and handled the International Harvester products. This building was built in 1908 by Louis Rubin with brick and blocks, and later owned by John Hoffman as I. H. dealer.

In 1928 Fred Fink sold out to Gottlieb Kessel. His son Andrew then joined the business and named it Kessel and Son, until 1942 when Marvin, another son, joined the firm. Marvin joined the army the same year, but returned to the firm after the war.

In 1943 the building was extended to the alley, to include a service shop. In 1955 Andy and Marvin bought Gottlieb Kessel's interest including the building, and the firm was changed to Kessel Implement. Gottlieb Kessel kept on being active in the business. A new front and inside remodeling was done in 1957.

This building has always been occupied by I. H. dealers.

ANDY'S BAR

Andrew Wagemann purchased this bar in July 1959 from Marvin Schock, the previous owner. There has been a bar and pool hall at this location since 1932, when Fred Breitmeyer established the business. Other owners since then have been: Edward Bendewald, Albert Klipfel, Freddie Frisch, Schock and Koerner, Marvin Schock and presently, Mr. Wagemann.

The building was erected by the Union State Bank and is under the management of the Meidinger Estate.



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ASHLEY DIAMOND JUBILEE COMMITTEES

Back row, left to right: William Thurn, Ray Salzer, Christ Maier, N. A. Miller, Gideon Dobler, A. L. Walker, Walter Hoerth.

Second row from back, left to right: Oscar Martz, Dennis Schock, Marvin Vossler, Carrol Spitzer, Mrs. Carrol Spitzer, Elroy Walker, Milbert Bauer, Roger Klippel, Mrs. Roger Klippel, Earl Weisz, Richard Vanourmy, Art Schrenk, Reinhold Dockter.

Third row from back, left to right: J. O. Dockter, Oswald Weisser, Cliff Jeske, Adolph Thurn, Martin Bertsch, Emil Wiedemann, Walter Froh, David Helmer, Wm. E. Meidinger, Mrs. Vernon Jenner, Vernon Jenner, Mrs. Marvin Lehr, Mrs. Lawrence Schnabel.

Fourth row from back, left to right: Ray Giedt, Don Kounovsky, Fred J. Hoffman, Ervin Sackmann, Edward Bendewald, E. W. Schock, Harold Dockter, Mrs. Albert Haller, Mrs. Leo Cohen, Mrs. Wm. Baumann, Mrs. Wm. Giedt, Mrs. Wilbert Opp.

Fifth row from back, left to right: Walter Doerr, Theo. Maier, F. F. Bender, Otto Helfenstein, Leonard Roeszler, Reinie Bendewald, Ed Rau, Gottlieb Thurn, Mrs. Max Wishek, Jr., Mrs. Albert Maier, Mrs. Mildred Johnson, Christ Rott, Mrs. Kenneth Lynn.

Sixth row from back, seated left to right: Mrs. Adolph Schumacher, Mrs. Walter Kramer, Max A. Wishek, Ernest Oberlander, A. H. Kessel, Mrs. Harold Jenner, Mrs. Max A. Wishek, Mrs. Aaron Haas, Mrs. Dennis Haupt, Mrs. Milton Walz, Mrs. Leonard Gross, Mrs. Theo. Woehl, Mrs. Edward Delzer.

Seventh row from back, left to right: Andrew Sackmann, Jr., Mrs. Floyd Schock, Mrs. Grant Beveridge, Mrs. F. F. Bender, Mrs. Gottfried Harsch, Mrs. Leonard Roeszler, Mrs. Edwin Kramer, Gotthilf Bendewald, Mrs. Roger Haupt, A. F. Bosch, B. E. Kretschmar, Mrs. Gottlieb Thurn, Mrs. William Thurn, B. F. Heitzmann.

Front row, left to right: Mrs. Albert Iszler, Mrs. Adolph Thurn, Mrs. Marvin Kessel, Mrs. Vivian Meidinger, Lydia Weber, Calford Mayer, Elsie Pfahl, Mrs. Emil Wiedemann, Mrs. James Delzer, Mrs. Elroy Walker, Mrs. Walter Doerr.

Not pictured: Albert Colz, Mrs. Gerald Coyle, Mary Kretschmar, Sam Weisz, Richard Klippel, Les Laudon, Mrs. G. H. Herneti, G. H. Herneti, William E. Kretschmar, Fred Breitmeyer, Myron Rau, Emil F. Bertsch, Emil Spitzer, John Salzer, Kenneth Lynn, Victoria Robinson, Mrs. Ray Giedt, Dianne Maerz, Judy Bertsch, Floyd Schock, and Mrs. Walter Froh.

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ASHLEY LIONS CLUB, 1938-63



Bottom row, left to right: Dr. Leo Cohen, Walter Froh, Max A. Wishek, Edward Rau, Gottlieb Thurn, Myron D. Rau, Ernest Oberlander, Wayne Rowe, N. A. Miller, F. F. Bender.

Second row, left to right: Marvin Kessel, Adolf Thurn, Andrew Sackmann, Martin Bertsch, Emil Bertsch, Otto Helfenstein, A. H. Kessel, Andrew Bosch, Leonard Rosezler, Bruce Kretschmar.

Third row, left to right: Dale Koppelman, Milton M. Schauer, Albert Golz, Albert Maier, Les Laudon, Adolf Schu-

macher, H. H. Jenner, Leo Geiger, Dr. Roland Fleck.

Fourth row, left to right: Kenneth Lynn, Gail Hernet, Floyd Schock, Walter Hoerth, Emil Wiedmann, Ronald Mehrer, Eugene Bertsch, Reinhold Bendewald, Ben Steinhaus.

Top row, left to right: Walter Doerr, William Thurn, Edwin Kramer, Richard Eberly, Bruce McShane, Roger Altenburg, Thomas Bischke.

Not pictured: Milbert Bauer, Gideon Dobler, Ray Giedt, Don Kounovsky, Rev. John Kammerer and Enoch Roth.

The Ashley Lions Club observes its 25th anniversary in 1963. Twenty-five-year charter members, still active, are Dr. Leo Cohen, Walter Froh, Edward Rau, Andrew Sackmann, Jr., Adolf Thurn, and Max A. Wishek. F. F. Bender, joining the club in the fall of 1938, is a 25-year old Monarch. 20-year old Monarchs are G. H. Hernet and A. H. Kessel.

Fifteen-year old Monarchs are Emil Bertsch, Martin Bertsch, Andrew Bosch, Marvin Kessel, Bruce Kretschmar, and Kenneth Lynn. Ten-year old Monarchs are Reinhold Bendewald, Walter Doerr, Walter Hoerth, H. H. Jenner, Leslie Laudon, Leonard Roeszler, Adolf Schumacher, Ben Steinhaus, Gottlieb Thurn, William Thurn, and Emil Wiedmann.

The Ashley Lions Club has been active in community affairs, and has performed many services for individuals, as well as for the community as a whole. Members aided in rip-

rapping the shores of Lake Hoskins, developing its picnic area, and planting and maintaining trees. The club was instrumental in having the Hoskins picnic area designated as a state roadside park in 1957.

The club actively supported the organization, construction, and expansion of the McIntosh County Memorial Hospital, and has donated \$3000 to the hospital fund. An additional \$1500 was pledged in January, 1963.

The Ashley Lions actively support youth work in the community. Funds for the Boy Scouts are solicited yearly. Financial contributions are made each summer to the baseball program. In 1960, the club sponsored its first Lettermen's Banquet, honoring the athletes of the local high school. The event has become an annual affair. A boy is sent to Boys State each year under the Lions' sponsorship.

ASHLEY LIONS CLUB, 1938-63 — cont'd

Publicity pamphlets for the City of Ashley were printed and distributed in 1956 and 1963. Welcome signs were erected in 1955, on the three highways leading to the city. The club supported school reorganization and the building of the new high school by supplying the voters with informative brochures.

Ashley was the scene of Lions zone meetings in 1950, 1953, and 1959. Lion F. F. Bender served as zone chairman in 1950.

Past-presidents of the Ashley Lions Club are: 1938-39, R. G. Mensing; 1939-40, Art Schlenker; 1940-41, J. W. Meidinger; 1941-42, Gottlieb Klipfel; 1942-43, H. K. Skadeland; 1943-44, A. H. Kessel; 1944-45, G. H. Hernett; 1945-46,

Morris Broschat, unexpired term served by Max A. Wishek; 1946-47, Adolpf Thurn; 1947-48, E. H. Maercklein; 1948-49, F. F. Bender, 1949-50, Andrew Sackmann; 1950-51, Walter Froh; 1951-52, Edward Rau; 1952-53, Emil Bertsch; 1953-54, B. E. Kretschmar; 1954-55, A. F. Bosch; 1955-56, Martin Bertsch; 1956-57, Les Laudon; 1957-58, Leonard Roeszler; 1958-59, Marvin Kessel; 1959-60, Otto Helfenstein; 1960-61, Floyd Schock; 1961-62, Kenneth Lynn.

Present officers are: president, Gottlieb Thurn; first vice president, Ernest Oberlander; second vice president, Wayne Rowe; third vice president, Reinhold Bendewald; secretary-treasurer, Myron Rau; tailtwister, Tom Bischke; lion-tamer, Albert Golz; directors, Milton Schauer, Albert Maier, Eddie Kramer, and William Thurn.

ASHLEY HOMEMAKERS



First row: Mrs. Milton Walz, Mrs. Milbert Bauer, Mrs. Roger Haupt, Mrs. John Salzer, Jr., Mrs. LeRoy Benedwald, Mrs. Edmund Walth.

Second row: Mrs. Otto Rasch, Mrs. Carrold Spitzer, Mrs. Gottfried Harsch, Mrs. Gerhardt Rothfusz, Mrs. Robert R. Bertsch, Mrs. Grant Beveridge, Mrs. John Roth, Mrs. J. F. Grueneich, Mrs. Christ Maier.

Third row: Mrs. Gottlieb G. Pfeifle, Mrs. Reinhold Roeszler, Mrs. Gotthilf Bendewald, Mrs. Ruth Klipfel, Mrs. Art Pfeifle,

Mrs. Jacob Groszhans, Mrs. William Baumann, Mrs. Albert Klipfel, Mrs. Melvin Baumann, Mrs. Cyrus Pfeifle.

Fourth row: Mrs. Leonard Baumann, Mrs. Wilbert Baumann, Mrs. Otto Groszhans, Mrs. William Giedt, Mrs. Ray Bauer, Mrs. Morgan Wolf.

Fifth row: Mrs. Norman Bender, Mrs. Dale Flach, Mrs. Donald Dockter, Mrs. James Delzer, Mrs. Earl Weisz, Mrs. Robert Pfeifle, Mrs. Clayton Maier.

ASHLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

SUCCESSOR TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS



BUSINESSMEN'S ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Left to right: Wayne Rowe, president; Thomas N. Bischke, secretary; Oscar Martz, vice-president; Marvin Kessel, treasurer.

Perhaps the newest organization in Ashley is the Ashley Chamber of Commerce, formally organized in February of this year of 1963. First officers of the Chamber are Oscar Martz, president; Ray Salzer, vice-president; Tom Bischke, secretary and Leonard Roeszler, treasurer.

Actually, the Chamber of Commerce is a continuation of, and successor to, the Ashley Businessmen's Association, a very much alive and active organization. The principal reason given for the change was that a Chamber would enable the club to expand its membership to others in the community and its area, who might be inclined to help promote Ashley, but are not businessmen. An affiliation with a national organization, such as the Chamber of Commerce, offers other advantages as well, in the opinion of the members.

Still in office at the time the jubilee pictures were taken are the last officers of the now-converted Ashley Businessmen's Association. They are Wayne Rowe, president; Oscar Martz, vice-president; Tom Bischke, secretary, and Marvin Kessel, treasurer.

Annual present-day promotions include Krazy Daze, Dairy Day with a McIntosh County Dairy Princess Contest (state sanctioned, winner advances to the state contest), Pancake Day, Turkey Days, Saturday movies for children from Thanksgiving to Christmas, Santa Claus Day, and the State Plowing Contest.

FORMER CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

First of the local civic organizations apparently was the Ashley Commercial Club, established in 1908. An account in the Ashley Tribune in an issue in early May of that year announces its organization, stating that its purpose is to sponsor a market day to be held on May 26, 1908. Little else was said of this early organization, but seemingly they staged the

Market Day. Advertising boldly stated that "all roads lead to Ashley" and "all people came to Ashley". It explained that horses, cows, chickens or other livestock, as well as anything else, could be sold or bought in Ashley that day. Stores offered discounts — mostly 10 per cent. The firm of Alik & Brothers advertised boys' suits \$1.50 to \$2.50, men's suits \$6.50 to \$12.00 and shirts, 36 cents.

Earliest records dating back to 1927 indicate that the club was active in sponsoring a road-building program.

Other projects sponsored by them, either in whole or in part, were the McIntosh County Fair, purchase of fair grounds, tree planting and city park (at lake), highway around east side of Lake Hoskins, Lake Hoskins dam, graveling Highway 11, golf course, annual Ashley relays track event, wildlife, fish and game propagation and conservation, 4-H Club and Junior Weekly Club.

Known to have served as president of the organization were A. W. Meidinger, Paul J. Wishek, M. J. Kempf, J. A. Meidinger, J. C. Goll and R. G. Mensing. All, but Mr. Wishek and Mr. Goll of those listed, are deceased.

Other officers who still reside in this community are A. H. Kessel and F. F. Bender, former secretaries, and Gust Brosz and Adolph Thurn, former treasurers.

A rival civic organization, known as the Better Ashley Association, was organized in March, 1928 with a charter membership of 38 members. William Hildenbrand was the first chairman; Fred Fink, the first secretary; August Pohl, the first vice-president and Edwin George, the first treasurer.

Some of the projects sponsored, either in whole or part, included the Lake Hoskins Park and tree planting project; wildlife, fish and game propagation and conservation; com-

ASHLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE — cont'd

munity celebrations, highway improvement, county fair, band, airport and others.

Some of the active officers and members included such men as Dr. E. H. Maercklein, Martin Ruemmele, A. O. Ginnow, E. E. Gloege, A. W. Wentz, Ernest Oberlander, Emil Bertsch, Dr. F. Linnenburger, J. W. Kinney, A. H. Kessel, Adolf Moench and Sam Krause.

These organizations, it appears, went through periods of dormancy and all but disappeared at times. Then, with a burst of energy they would revive in a spirit of competition with each other. The rivalry at times served to keep them active, benefiting the community, but there were times when the energy of the two, combined into one strong organization, might have been able to successfully undertake larger projects. Factionalism had nurtured two camps, extending even into these community organizations.

Both the Commercial Club and the Better Ashley Association had been on the wane, when in 1938 an effort to combine community effort was made in the organization of the Ashley Lions Club, affiliated with Lions International. This club still thrives in Ashley today and is written up elsewhere in this book.

The Lions Club, though it is an active service organization, did not seem to fulfill the functions of a civic organization insofar as local business promotions were concerned, and not all of the principal businessmen were among its members. The former older civic organizations, in the meantime, had died.

The need for the establishment of an association for businessmen became evident. On July 9, 1946 local businessmen met for the purpose of establishing uniform closing hours on week days and Saturdays. Beneficial and intelligent discussions of their problems followed, resulting in the formation of the Ashley Merchants Association. The name was later changed to Ashley Businessmen's Association in order to embrace other segments of local business.

First officers were B. F. Heitzmann, president; Adolph Thurn, secretary and Edwin Spitzer, treasurer. Four regular meetings per year were to be held.

INITIATE PLOWING CONTEST

By far the largest and most involved activity of the Businessmen's Association is the State Plowing Contest originated here by its members and conducted annually with great success.

To date it is the only contest of its kind staged in North Dakota and has brought Ashley more recognition than any other activity. The contest is recognized by the National Plowing Contest where the winner may compete, with winners of other states, for the national title.

The first, of what have been five annual plowing contests, was held in early September, 1958. Gail Hernet as

general chairman, and Andy Bosch as co-chairman, have alternated positions since that time. Each year at least one new feature has been added, until at present each of the following are a part of the Plowing Contest:

North Dakota State Plowing Contest (level land and contour)

McIntosh County 4-H Achievement Days

Queen of the Furrow Contest (contestants are 4-H girls)

Commercial Exhibits (about 40 exhibits in each of the past two years)

Land Judging Contest (open to 4-H, FFA, and adults)

Farm Forum (experts from the State University, the Governor and others have been the speakers)

Tractor-pulling Contest

Stage Show

Old-time Threshing Bee

Radio and television broadcasts, live from the scene

Each of the five plowing contests has been won by Ray Zimmerman of Lehr. He has represented North Dakota at the National Plowing Contest twice, and placed seventh one year. A young farm-woman, Mrs. Lawrence Wahl, placed fifth in the 1961 state contest here.

Largely because of the success of this contest and the work of committee members, the 1964 National Plowing Contest and Soil Conservation Days will be held in North Dakota. Ashley bid for the privilege of conducting it, but it has been scheduled to take place on a farm near Buffalo, 32 miles west of Fargo, under the auspices of the North Dakota Association of Soil Conservation Districts, the Fargo Chamber of Commerce and the North Dakota Broadcasting Co., Inc.

SACKMANN JEWELRY

Ashley has been fortunate in having had a jewelry store since the early days. W. A. Hite was considered a pioneer jeweler and certainly was a fixture in the city for many years, having been established prior to 1910. After Mr. Hite's death the business was acquired by August Zimmerman in 1931. Alvin Bietz purchased the business from Mr. Zimmerman about 1938, and about 1944 moved it to the Forrest building, 113 West Main Street. In 1948 he sold out to Robert Gramm, who operated the business until it was sold to Ervin A. Sackmann in 1952. Mr. Sackmann and his wife, Hilda, operated the business until 1963 when they decided to liquidate, and the building has recently been sold to Sam Weisz, Ford dealer in Ashley. So, after some seventy years, Ashley has joined many other smaller towns in being without the services of a jewelry store.

THE ASHLEY WOMAN'S CLUB HISTORY

Prior to the year 1912, numerous societies had been created, flourished and later passed into oblivion, but no non-sectarian society for woman alone had been started. The Thimble Bee, pioneer church Aid Society, filled the need to a certain extent, but not entirely. The ladies of the town wished for a more civic organization which would sponsor a library. And so with this in mind, a group of ladies met at the suggestion of Mrs. E. M. Harrison in her home on April 12th, 1912, and founded what is known as the Ashley Woman's Club. Officers were elected, committees formed and the activities of the club began.

Between the years of 1912 and 1938, much hard work and many activities were undertaken to further the work of the library and to establish the Ashley Woman's Club as an outstanding civic woman's group.

The club's main contribution to the Golden Jubilee celebration of 1938 was the monument honoring all McIntosh County Pioneers. It was constructed of native rock, incorporated with a huge boulder selected from McIntosh County. The labor was furnished by W. P. A., but the women's job was to furnish the material. The cost was far beyond the original estimates, but it was completed and the monument enhances the courthouse lawn today.

After the strenuous early years, it would seem that a long vacation would be welcome, but that could not very well be arranged. With 1940 approaching there were little hints that moving days for the library might also be approaching. The rumor gave club members a few uneasy moments, but they were sure everything, as usual, would turn out all right. However, after the United States entered the war in 1941, office rooms were at a premium. The club was requested to give up the library room at the courthouse. City officials offered the club temporary quarters, and the club transferred the books there. Shortly after, through untiring efforts of some of the members of the Woman's Club, the Methodist Conference decided them the vacant Methodist Church for use as a library. In spite of the urgent need for repairs, it was gratefully accepted.

Immediately plans were formed to convert the church into a modern library. Committees were appointed to get things started and soon progress was made. Drastic changes were necessary in the old church. The high ceiling was lowered, the tin covering on the walls removed, an inside stairway to the basement made, the foundation repaired and the basement converted into a club room. Painting inside and out was also necessary. Day by day changes were made, but the building and remodeling job went forward. The club building committee was on the job early and late pushing the workers. When they couldn't secure donated labor, they hired workmen. The husbands were long suffering and gave generously of their time, experience and advice. Finally the goal was reached, and the library was transferred to its permanent home. Since the original remodeling, the basement clubroom has been enlarged and redecorated.

Red Cross projects and other war work were not neglected. The club knit, sold stamps and bonds, made Red Cross

kits and secretly hated ration books.

The big problem through the building time was the financing of the project. The dry years of 1930 were not very productive and the club treasury was at an all-time low. The whole town staunchly supported any fund-raising scheme which was presented. The receipts, however, from the usual suppers, teas, bingo, etc. mounted slowly and failed to meet the needs. When it really looked dismal, the Livestock Sales Barn came into being and with it the Club's Cow Barn Cafe. Lunches were provided at the sale's ringside for any and all. Summer or winter, hot or cold, every Wednesday they were there to serve food. Members, unable to work at the cafe, baked and prepared food at home. This club project began in July, 1943, and closed shop in June, 1945. The profit from this undertaking was \$1100.00. This enabled the club to continue the library.

Another lucrative proposition turned up in 1944, when the women were given a chance to become news reporters for the Ashley Tribune. They continued this project for several years, and it added very materially to the club's bank account. The well-known birthday calendars were also started in 1944 and were of great help for several years. The club conducted successful rummage and auction sales. Later, the east end of the library lot was sold for residential property. Most of the funds raised through the 1940's and 1950's were used for the Public Library. In 1942 the library was incorporated, and in 1946 it became a free library. It now has between six and seven thousand volumes for the reading public.

Besides library work, contributions were made to Care, Nurses Scholarship Program and State and District Scholarship Loan Funds. Items of clothing and gifts were sent to the State Hospital at Jamestown, and donations were made to the Crippled Children's School.

As in the past the local club programs have been miscellaneous, in fact, so much so, that it could be said, "You name it; we've had it."

The sixth district has been hostess to the State Federation Convention several times. In 1961 the Ashley Club members were responsible for the noon luncheon of one of the meetings. As part of the luncheon's program, club members, adorned with gay, original hats, presented a well-received musical reading.

During the last 50 years, the Ashley Woman's Club has kept its contacts with the State Federation. North Dakota has eight federated districts of 143 clubs with a membership of over 3,000. In the sixth district there are eleven clubs with a membership of 199. The Ashley Woman's Club is the largest with 44 members.

"This history has been written and checked with care. There is much that has been left out, but a lot is still there. We expect to go on. We'll never get through making history for Ashley—for us—and for you."

THE ASHLEY WOMAN'S CLUB MEMBERS



First Row: Mrs. Milton Schauer; Miss Lydia Weber; Mrs. Floyd Schock; Mrs. Vivian Meidinger; Mrs. Edwin J. Kramer; Mrs. Max Wishek, Jr.; Mrs. Eugene Bertsch.

Second Row: Mrs. B. F. Heitzmann; Mrs. Wayne Rowe; Mrs. Reinhold Bendewald; Mrs. W. L. Johnson; Mrs. Leonard Roeszler; Mrs. Marvin Kessel; Mrs. Leslie Laudon; Mrs. Leo Cohen.

Third Row: Mrs. Bruce McShane; Mrs. Dale Koppelman; Mrs. Ronald Mehrer; Mrs. Max Wishek, Sr.; Mrs. Andrew Sackman; Mrs. Bruce Kretschmar; Mrs. Kenneth Lynn; Mrs. Albert Maier.

Back Row: Mrs. Robert Johnson; Mrs. Dale Brown; Mrs. Roger Altenburg; Mrs. Richard Eberly; Mrs. Emil Wiedman; Mrs. H. H. Jenner; Mrs. Thomas Bischke; Mrs. J. O. Dockter.

ESTHER'S BEAUTY SHOP

In 1941, Esther Klipfel graduated from beauty school in Fargo. She was then employed by Theophilia Reule in a little shop on Main Street, next to the Sportsman's Bar. The building is no longer there. After her marriage she gave up her profession, but in 1950 moved to Ashley and assisted Ann Mayer. After the death of Ann's husband, five years ago, she moved to the West Coast and sold her equipment to Esther Klipfel whose shop is presently located in the basement of her home located at 703 First Avenue S. E.

Esther Klipfel, nee Bertsch, is the wife of Richard Klipfel.



Seated: Miss Mary Kretschmar; Mrs. Paul Lemke; Mrs. Ben Steinhaus.

Standing: Mrs. Myron Rau; Mrs. Elery Scherbenske; Mrs. Roland Fleck; Mrs. Albert Golz; Mrs. Leo Geiger.

DR. L. B. MELICHER

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ASHLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT



*Top Row — left to right:
Oscar Erlenbusch, Emil Spitzer, Albert Iszler, Edwin Mundt,
William Thurn, Gottlieb Bietz, and Ernest Oberlander.*

*Middle Row — left to right:
Isadore Lang, Adam Vossler, Otto Helfenstein, Ed Rau, Andrew*

Sackmann, Albert Klipfel and Walter Doerr.

*First Row left to right:
J. J. Huether, C. C. Spitzer, Adolph Thurn, F. F. Bender—
Secretary, A. L. Walker—Chief, Rudy Ehley—Assistant Chief,
Andrew Kessel.*

Early records of the Ashley Fire Department are not available, therefore we are unable to give you much of an early history, except to say that the first organization was about in the year 1908 and from that time until 1909 the only equipment was a "bucket brigade". In 1909 two chemicals were purchased which were better than using buckets, but were effective only in the early stages of a fire. In 1912 through a bond issue a fire hall was built with a reservoir holding approximately 75,000 gallons of water. A stationary engine and 1,000 feet of hose were purchased and added to the equipment. This was later increased to about 4,000 feet, enabling them to reach any part of town. These hoses were wrapped on hose carts which were either pulled by the firemen or by a truck, to and from the fire. When the city installed the water and sewer system the reservoir was discontinued. In 1948 the department was a successful bidder for a 1917 American La-France pumper from the city of Fargo. This truck was purchased by the members of the department donating their compensation received from fighting fires and an annual event, a firemen's dance, which is still being held every year. In 1955 the city purchased a Ford F 600 2 ton truck with a 1000 gallon water capacity tank. Both of these trucks are kept in running condition. In 1960 the department added a two-way radio and P.A. system to the Ford truck, which truck is also used for emergency farm fires. According to records J. C. Goll was the first Fire Chief. Succeeding chiefs named in order were A. W. Meidinger, Gust Brosz, J. W. Meidinger, A. L. Walker, Ed Rau, and A. L. Walker, present chief. Mr. A. L. Walker has been the chief from 1946 to the present time. Secretaries in order were: W. L. Johnson, M. J. Ruemmle, Adolph Thurn,

A. L. Walker, Ernest Oberlander, Gottlieb Klipfel, A. H. Kessel, A. B. Iszler, J. O. Dockter, William Thurn, Andy Sackmann and F. F. Bender from 1958 to the present time. The department in addition to numerous small fires had several major fires such as, Lumberyard, Schoolhouse, Livery Barn, Mill Building, elevator, Meidinger's Store, Schauer Theatre, Rau Service Station and G. C. Schock Hardware Store. The greatest disaster in the history of the department was a fire in a dwelling where three helpless children were trapped and lost their lives. The fire was caused by the exploding of a kerosene lamp. The Ashley Fire Department are members of the North Dakota Firemen's Association and for several years sponsored a band, male quartet and Boys State. For the past several years they have donated to the Junior Legion baseball team. They have also donated \$3,000.00 to the Ashley Hospital.

Active members of the department and years of service are: J. J. Huether, 46 years, C. C. Spitzer, 43 years, A. Thurn, 37 years, A. L. Walker, 35 years and is also a life member of the State Association, A. H. Kessel, 35 years, F. F. Bender, 31 years, A. Sackmann, 30 years, E. Oberlander, 29 years, Ed Rau, 26 years, W. Doerr, 25 years, Emil Spitzer, 25 years, W. Thurn, 25 years, A. Klipfel, 23 years, A. B. Iszler, 20 years, A. Vossler, 20 years, R. Ehley, 17 years, E. Mundt, 17 years, I. Lang, 16 years, G. C. Bietz, 7 years, O. Erlenbusch, 7 years, and O. Helfenstein, 7 years.

The members serve without compensation, except when actually engaged in fire fighting and are financed by an insurance tax in the state of North Dakota.

ASHLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT



From left to right, front row: Wayne Rowe, president; Richard Eberly, superintendent; Oscar Drefs, vice-president.

Second row: Walter Kraemer, director; Adolph Thurn, clerk; Ernest Oberlander, treasurer; Albert Golz, director; and Milton Schauer, director.

A continuation of the history of the Ashley Public School District from the Ashley Golden Jubilee in 1938 follows:

1939 — An addition to provide one assembly room and two big classrooms was built on the south side. To finance it a \$4,000.00 bond issue was floated. The school continued to progress and conditions became more crowded. It was evident that something had to be done to provide more space.

May 21, 1957 — The district was changed, by a vote of 113 for and 10 against, from the Ashley Common School District to Ashley Special School District and from a three-man board to a five-man board.

June 30, 1958 — A special election was held for reorganization of nine school districts to one Ashley Public School District which was to become effective July 1, 1958. Reorganization carried by a vote of 165 for and 42 against in Ashley; by a vote of 128 for and 125 against in the eight rural districts.

August 28, 1958 — With the purchase of four busses, the school bus program was begun.

April 7, 1959 — The \$435,000.00 bond issue carried by a vote of 585 for, and 105 against.

April 7, 1959 — By a vote of 543 for and 145 against,



Ashley Junior-Senior High School. Completed in 1961.



Ashley Elementary School. Completed in 1937.

ASHLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT — cont'd



1962-1963 faculty and employees.

From left to right, front row: Darlene Krein, 1st grade; Junella Dobler, 1st grade; Gladys Stugelmayer, 2nd grade; Shirley Weszner, 2nd grade; Wilma Tschetter, 3rd grade; Jane Kramer, 3rd grade; Caroline Miller, 4th grade; Beada Heitzmann, 5th grade; Ramona Weber, 6th grade; Elizabeth Pfahl, 6th grade.

Second row: Dale Brown, social studies; Ronald Mehrer, vocational Ag.; Margaret Koppelman, English and library; Francine Minnehan, home ec.; Lorna Scherbenske, Jr. H. S. English and science; Anna Kost, cook; Hilda Vossler, cook; Phyllis Bendewald, secretary; Willard Karas, elementary principal and 4th grade; Virgil Rodacker, 5th grade.

Third row: Leo Fettig, physical science; Bruce McShane, principal; Elery Scherbenske, commerce; Dale Koppelman, music instructor; Myron Rau, drivers ed., physical education and coach; Duane Johnson, biology; Floyd Schock, Jr. H.S. social studies; Roger Altenburg, math and coach.

Fourth row: John Lippert, driver; Darwin Wolf, driver; Emil Delzer, elementary bldg. janitor; Wayne Lippert, janitor; Ben Lang, janitor; Oscar Erlenbusch, bus foreman; Aaron Haas, bus driver.

Fifth row: Richard Eberly, supt.; Edwin Goehring, driver; Otto Arnold, driver; Myron Schlepp, driver; Rudy Ehley, driver; Ed Rau, driver.

the limit of indebtedness was increased from 5 to 10% of assessed valuation.

April 7, 1959 — In a straw vote taken to determine the school site, the Wishek site received 493 votes; the Rott site, 125.

April 28, 1959 — The Board of Education took an option to buy the Wishek site consisting of 8 acres for \$8,000.00. After taking the option, the school board was advised by the state office that more land should be acquired for the site. Thus a dispute arose as to acquisition of this additional land from the Wishek heirs. The school board then began looking for another site.

June 2, 1959 — The district favored a building fund levy of 10 mills by a vote of 139 for and 45 against.

July 20, 1959 — Max Wishek, as spokesman, and others presented petitions with 102 signers requesting a vote on a

school site — either the Wishek site, east of the city, or the fairground site, west of the city.

July 28, 1959 — The school bus program was expanded with the addition of three more busses, making a total of seven.

January 14, 1960 — The bid scheduled to be let for the new Junior-Senior High School was moved to February 11, 1960, due to a restraining order brought about by Max Wishek and a group of citizens.

February 11, 1960 — The bids were opened for the new Junior-Senior High School building. Low bidders were as follows:

Associated Builders, general contract	-----\$508,442.00
Jamestown Plumbing & Heating, plumbing and heating	-----\$162,680.00
Modern Electric, electric	-----\$ 67,900.00

ASHLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT — cont'd

March 2, 1960 — Residents of Ashley voted on a site for the new Junior-Senior High School:

Wishek site — 15 acres @ \$13,333.00

Fairground site — 22 acres @ \$1,000.00

A total of 949 ballots were cast: 588 for the fairground site, and 361 for the Wishek site.

Previous to this site election the fairboard met, and on motion by Max Wishek, the fairboard by a vote of 40 to 7 agreed to sell to the school board the fairground site, if the Ashley School District voters chose the fairground site. The Ashley School Board had also agreed to let the decision of the voters determine the site for the new school.

March 3, 1960 — The Ashley School Board accepted building contract bids totaling \$684,697.00 as follows:

Associated Builders, general contract ----- \$469,262.00

Jamestown Plumbing & Heating, plumbing
and heating ----- \$149,435.00

Modern Electric, electrical contract ----- \$ 66,000.00

April 18, 1960 — The construction on the new school was started.

September, 1961 — The new school was opened for use.

November 5, 1961 — Dedication of the new school was held.

The project was financed as follows:

Bond issue ----- \$435,000.00

State school construction fund loan ----- \$217,500.00

Existing building fund ----- \$ 48,000.00

Present Enrollment: 290 — Grades 1 to 6

287 — Grades 7 to 12

The following superintendents have served the Ashley District:

1938-1943 ----- B. F. Heitzmann

1943-1945 ----- Minard McCrea

1945-1946 ----- Rex R. Robinson

1946-1947 ----- E. R. Hilde

1947-1954 ----- D. O. Turner

1954-1962 ----- R. W. Goheen

1962-present time — Richard G. Eberly

The following board members have served the district:

1938-1941 E. W. Schock

1941-1944 Andrew Sackmann, Jr.

1944-1950 Andrew H. Kessel

1950-1952 F. F. Bender

1952-1955 Ludwig Schlabsz

1955-1959 Gottlieb Thurn

1959-1962 G. G. Dobler

1962-1963 Walter Kraemer

1938-1939 Gottlieb Klipfel

1939-1940 August Bertsch

1940-1943 H. J. Schulz

1943-1949 Emil Spitzer

1949-1951 B. F. Heitzmann

1951-1954 Emil Wiedmann

1954-1958 Marvin Kessel

1958-1962 Kenneth Lynn

1962-1963 Albert Golz

1938-1940 Otto Becker

1940-1942 Ted Geiszler

1942-1948 Emil Wiedmann

1948-1950 Martin Bertsch

1950-1956 G. G. Dobler

1956-1958 Milton Schauer

1958-1963 Oscar Drefs

Continuation of five-man board:

1957-1963 Wayne Rowe

1957-1958 Albert Golz

1958-1963 Milton Schauer

The following served as school clerks:

1938-1944 Gust Brosz

1944-1963 Adolph Thurn

The following served as school treasurers:

1938-1940 R. G. Mensing

1940-1963 Ernest Oberlander

EARLY ASHLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL HISTORY



Early county school house in Kisselberry District taken in 1912.

From left to right: Hulda Herman, Jake Ehley, Anna Erickson, Bertha Herman, Henry Ehley, Mary Strobel, Julius Herman, Otto Walz, Emelia Ehley, Edwin and Arthur Erickson, Emil Herman and Rosa Ehley. Standing in background is H. M. Larimer, teacher.

An interesting history of the Ashley school was published in the "Pinion" the first yearbook of the Ashley High School, authored by the 1913 graduating class. We quote from the "Pinion":

Ashley, the county seat of McIntosh County, was settled by several families before the year 1900. School was taught by different teachers, Larimer, Miles and others in private houses. In the year 1901 a new, four-room school was built at a cost of about \$1200. The two first teachers in the schoolhouse were E. T. Clyde and Miss Emma Fossum. Miss Fossum taught the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades and Mr. Clyde the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades.



This is, no doubt, the first basketball team of the Ashley High School, 1912-13. Players from left to right are: Wilbur Linn, V. John Gregory, William Schulz, Fred Hovey, Alex Gregory.

The population of Ashley at that time was about 150. The rapid development made advisable the incorporation of the town in the year 1903. Very soon the four-room school building proved too small and a private house had to be rented again. Five teachers were elected, with Mr. Engel as principal. The course of study was then extended to the 9th grade. In 1906, Mr. Fullerton, who was then the county superintendent, was elected and under his administration of four years the course of study was advanced to the second year high school.

In 1908 the present schoolhouse with six rooms and basement was built. In the year 1910 the school patrons voted to establish a high school, all but four votes cast being in favor of such project. Miss Louise Kruger was elected high school teacher. The enrollment in the high school was 13 and in the entire school 225. In 1911 J. H. Huizel was elected as superintendent of the Ashley public school and Miss Ada Buhlman as principal of the high school. The course of study was now extended from five units to fourteen units, one of which was a biological science. Apparatus for botany was purchased, also reference books for high school use. Through careful arrangement of the course of study, and following the state requirements, the Ashley school was classified as a state high school. The credits that are received, now, are good anywhere in the state, and are accepted by any state institution without further examination. During Mr. Huizel's second term five more units of work were added to the high school, two of which were music and drawing, and one in physical science. Excellent apparatus was selected for physics and a science room was prepared in the basement, making a total of eight rooms in the school. In September, 1912, the state inspector visited the school, and, finding everything above expectation from his previous visits, he stated to the board of directors that he will most heartily recommend classification of the Ashley school in a higher class. The enrollment in the high school has increased to 34. The total enrollment of the school at present is 252.



The first Ashley High School graduating class of 1913. Left to right: John Gregory, Eugenie Hammond, Esther B. Wishek and Herbert H. Drews.

McINTOSH COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL



The idea of a hospital for Ashley dates back many years, however the project did not get beyond the talking stage until August 15, 1947, at which time a public mass meeting was held and a hospital promotion organization formed consisting of the following: Max A. Wishek, chairman; Andrew Sackmann, vice-chairman; Peter Albrecht, secretary; G. H. Hernett, treasurer; R. C. Mensing, Dr. E. H. Maercklein, Walter Froh, Alvin Kramer, Larry Iverson, Ed Rau, Emil Bertsch, Emil Spitzer, G. C. Schock, Gottlieb Breitling, Reinhold Kramer, John Sackmann and Karl Wiest. Several meetings were held, but interest lagged and the project lay dormant until 1949, when interest was again revived. A permanent organization was then formed and incorporated as the McIntosh County Memorial Hospital Association.

The unrelenting effort on the part of a few people at the forefront of whom was Max A. Wishek, now showed signs of bearing fruit. A building committee was appointed consisting of the following: A. H. Kessel, chairman, G. C. Schock, Gottlieb Klipfel, Herbert Roth and Martin Bertsch. This committee visited numerous hospitals, conferred with the State Department of Health and interviewed several architectural firms. The finance committee headed by Julius O. Dockter with F. F. Bender, Wm. Kretschmar and Gail Hernett activated an aggressive fund-raising campaign. The thorough work of the building committee and the success of the fund-drive resulted in the employment of Gilbert R. Horton, architect, to make preliminary plans for a 14-bed hospital. Bids for construction were received and on September 15, 1950, the Dean Construction Company of Minneapolis, Minnesota, was awarded the contract. Ground was broken at a ceremony on October 30, 1950. The basement was excavated and construction began in the spring of 1951.

The hospital was completed at a total cost of \$266,000.00 and was formally opened November 1, 1952. Modernization of the original hospital and a 12-bed addition was completed in April, 1962, providing the community with a modern 26-bed hospital, representing an investment of nearly a half million dollars. Of this sum, approximately 46.5% came from the Hill-Burton Federal Aid to Hospitals fund. Recognition for the successful conclusion of this project must be given to the organizations and many individuals of the community who gave so unselfishly of their time and effort.

The Association leased the hospital to the Lutheran Hospital and Homes Society who were of tremendous help in obtaining equipment and getting the hospital staffed and started. At the request of the local Association in 1957, the Lutheran Society withdrew from the operation, and since then the hospital has been operated by the local board of directors.

All donors of \$100.00 or more are members of the Hospital Association and are eligible to vote at the annual association meeting, held in the month of May at which time the directors are elected. Directors are elected for a two-year term, eight directors being elected in the even-numbered years and nine in the odd-numbered years. The officers are elected by the board of directors, annually. The board of directors are responsible for the operation of the hospital. The board also promotes and supervises the fund-raising campaigns. One of the board's most successful fund-raising projects has been the community calendar. The idea originated during a fishing trip in 1952. Otto Helfenstein, Walter Hoerth and Gail Hernett, hospital enthusiasts, waiting for the fish to bite in Coldwater Lake, contrived the idea as a means of raising funds for the hospital. The original idea was to buy space on the calendar instead of giving gifts at Christmas time to their patrons. The first hospital calendar was promoted and was launched as a successful project in 1953. Being pleased with its acceptance, it has continued as an annual project for the past 11 years. It has been expanded to include farmers, and all persons who wish to contribute in this way. It has brought in a net of approximately \$35,000.00.

Retirement of Dr. C. C. Campbell, and the death of Dr. E. H. Maercklein left the community without a medical doctor during the late 1940's. Dr. Karl Oja came to Ashley in January, 1951, and upon completion of the hospital, served as chief surgeon and physician until November, 1961. Dr. Malloy from Leola, South Dakota served the community on a part-time basis until the arrival of Dr. J. M. Laltoo, who was succeeded by the present Dr. Roland Fleck in August, 1962.

The original hospital staff consisted of Mrs. Ruby Meisenhoelder, a registered nurse and superintendent; licensed practical nurses, Shirla Ott, Gladys Bakker and Shirley Kallevig; nurses aides, Mrs. Adam Walker, Mrs. Fred Mittelstedt and Mrs. Fred Maier; and Miss Jo Ann Rice, laboratory and X-ray

McINTOSH COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL — cont'd

technician. Other hospital personnel included Gottlieb Bietz, custodian; Mrs. Sam Lippert, laundress; Mrs. Otto Gohl, housekeeper; Mrs. Edward Schauer, cook, and Mrs. Marvin Vossler, bookkeeper and office attendant.

Betty Klipfel was the first patient. Eric Craig Bender, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bender, was the first child born in the hospital. The first set of twins, a boy and a girl, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Betsch. All were of Ashley. During the past ten years 6092 patients were registered, and 630 babies were born in the hospital.

The increased volume of patients and expanded hospital facilities have necessitated enlargement of the staff, which at this time consists of the following: Leo Geiger, superintendent and laboratory technician; nurses and aides: Mrs. Elsie Baker, RN; Della Vossler, RN; Mrs. F. F. Bender, RN; Ella Bettenhausen, L.P.N.; Karen Roth, L.P.N.; Mrs. Adam Walker, Mrs. Ruben Meidinger, Karen Dobler, Dorothy Wiedmann, Mrs. Tom Gartner, Mrs. Gottlieb Bietz; Carl Schwartzbauer, orderly; anesthetist, Mrs. Robert Shannon; sur-

gical team, Mrs. Leo Geiger and Mrs. Edwin H. Glur; laboratory technician, Mrs. Carrol Spitzer. Other personnel: Mrs. Otto Rasch, bookkeeper and receptionist; Mrs. Alvina Klipfel and Lucile Maas, cooks; Mrs. Sam Lippert and Mrs. Magdalena Dockter, laundresses; Mrs. Walter Bauer, housekeeper; and Gottlieb Bietz, custodian.

Those who served as president of the Hospital Association are: Max A. Wishek (1949-1953), Emil Bertsch (1954), Gail Hernet (1955), A. H. Kessel (1956), Andrew Sackmann (1957-1958), A. F. Bosch (1959-1960), and Leonard Roeszler (1961-) present incumbent.

The following served as secretary: E. E. Wiedmann (1949-1951), Leslie Laudon (1952-1961), J. O. Dockter (1962-) present incumbent.

The men who served as treasurer are: G. C. Schock (1949-1955), and F. F. Bender (1956-) present incumbent.

This modern, 26-bed hospital offers silent testimony to the community spirit and civic interest of the citizens of Ashley and area.

DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS McINTOSH COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL



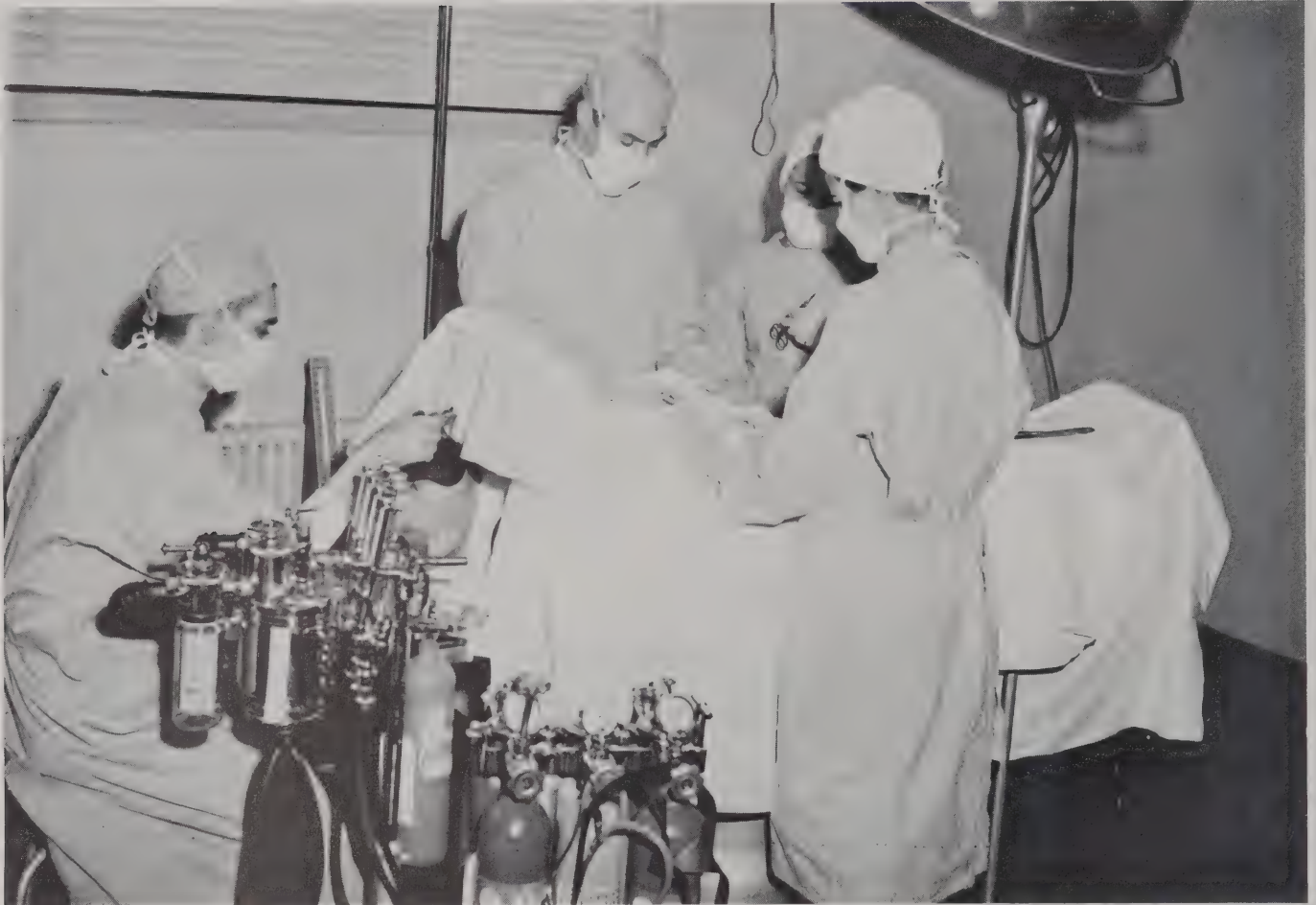
Front row, left to right: J. O. Dockter, secretary; F. F. Bender, treasurer; Leonard Roeszler, president; Leslie Laudon, vice-president.

Second row: Edward Rau, A. H. Kessel, Andrew Sackmann, Max A. Wishek.

Third row: G. H. Hernet, Theodore Maier, Martin Bertsch, A. F. Bosch.

Fourth row: Emil Bertsch, Thomas N. Bischke, Adolph Thurn and H. H. Jenner.

OUR DOCTORS



A scene in the operating room of the Ashley hospital. Left to right: Leo Geiger, technician and superintendent; Dr. Roland Fleck; Mrs. Geiger and Mrs. Fleck, assisting. F. F.

Bender is the patient. The picture was staged to show what an actual operation in our hospital would be like.

When the little settlement at Hoskins was established in 1884 it was an unfortunate experience if any resident became ill, since there was no physician to administer remedies for his comfort, or possible cure for his ailment.

The first known medical doctor to practice in McIntosh County was a Dr. Paasch who resided in Hoskins for a short time. He was followed by several doctors during the early years, whose stays were of rather short duration. In 1897, Dr. F. W. Maercklein, a capable medical and surgical doctor, came and remained several years. He was joined in 1903 by his twin brothers, Dr. Ivan Maercklein and Dr. Edwin Maercklein. When he left Ashley to establish a hospital in Oakes, North Dakota, Dr. Edwin took over the practice.

Dr. Edwin Maercklein married Miss Ella Johnson in 1908, and they established their home in Ashley and maintained their residence here until his death in 1949.

Mrs. Maercklein was an accomplished musician, and was ever-ready to entertain others with her musical talent at

various functions. She took part in the social and educational activities of the community and whenever possible assisted her husband with his work in bringing relief to the suffering.

The Maerckleins had two daughters, Dorothy and Florence.

Dr. Colin C. Campbell came to Ashley in 1909. His marriage to Miss Anna Cunard had taken place in 1904, and they made their home first at Hermansville, Michigan and later at LeMars, Iowa. They had two children, Eloise and Colin Jr. Dr. and Mrs. Campbell made Ashley their home until 1953, when he retired and they moved to Rome, New York.

Mrs. Campbell excelled as an artist and enjoyed china-painting, and also did water-color and oil paintings. She was a member of social and civic organizations and took an active interest in community affairs. When needed, she assisted Dr. Campbell in administering to the sick of town and country.

Many were the trials Dr. Maercklein and Dr. Campbell

OUR DOCTORS — cont'd

experienced during their early years in McIntosh County. One of their major difficulties was ways and means of transportation. One might almost say there were no roads—only trails, or perhaps a well-trodden cow-path across the rolling prairies or low hills. There were no highways as we have today. The travelers considered themselves fortunate if they could drive on what we now term countryroads. Those were literally “horse and buggy” days. Teams of horses with buggy or wagon in summer, and jumper or sleigh in winter, furnished the means of reaching their patients whose homes were located in the surrounding area. Many bad storms were experienced. House-to-house calls, in town or out-of-town, day or night, were the order of the day. Frequently one could see either one, or both doctors hurrying on foot toward a home with the familiar black satchel medicine kit swinging from his hand. There were no hospital calls to make then, as there was no hospital. Times have changed!

During World War I, Dr. Maercklein enlisted in the Medical Corps and spent about two years in France. He was sorely missed by his McIntosh County patients. During his absence Dr. Campbell carried on alone. It was during this period that a severe epidemic, “Spanish Influenza”, swept the country, and we here on the open prairies were no exception. Assisted by volunteers, Dr. Campbell set up a temporary hospital in what was known as the Home Hotel and successfully treated many patients there. He was particularly skillful in caring for and treating those suffering with the “flu” or any pulmonary ailment.

Neither Dr. Campbell, nor Dr. Maercklein, claimed to be a surgeon, but both were occasionally called upon to render that service when an emergency arose.

A highlight in the life of Dr. Campbell was the “Dr. Campbell Day” observance held at the Ashley school on Sunday, May 10, 1953, shortly before the Campbells left to make their new home in Rome, New York, to be near their son, Colin, Jr. and family. In recognition of his 44 years of dedicated service to the people of the community, Ashley friends showed their respect and appreciation by honoring Dr. Campbell at this special event. An overflowing crowd filled the school auditorium where friends paid him tribute. A most unassuming individual, Dr. Campbell was deeply touched by this expression of friendship and confidence. None present that day suspected that in approximately 60 days, on July 9, at Rome, New York, he was to be taken suddenly ill, and died almost immediately of a heart attack. Dr. Campbell is buried in the Ashley Cemetery.

Both of these physicians were dedicated to their chosen profession and gave fully of their time, skill and knowledge to bring relief to the ill and suffering. The people of Ashley and vicinity are fully aware and appreciative of the great service they rendered.

Dr. Karl Oja also played an important part in the medical history of the Ashley community. He came here shortly before the opening of the new hospital, and thus was the first staff doctor. He is entitled to most of the credit for the early success of the hospital's operation. He was an exceedingly well-qualified practitioner with an unusual aptitude for correct



Dr. Roland Fleck and his wife and assistant, Carol Fleck.

diagnosis. He was also a competent surgeon.

Coming here in January, 1951, Dr. Oja continued his practice until November, 1961, when he left to open a practice at Portland, North Dakota. His leaving was a distinct loss to the hospital and the community.

Dr. Oja was born in Parnu, Estonia, August 3, 1913. He was married August 5, 1939, to Kersti Niitmae, who was born in Tallinn, Estonia. Their children are: Milvi, a dental hygienist in Los Angeles, California; Malle, a junior at the University of Colorado; Kersti, a freshman at the University of North Dakota; and a son, Arno, who attends grade school at Portland.

The difficulty of securing adequate medical help for the hospital has been encountered locally a number of times. In fact, it was found necessary to close the hospital for a short time.

After Dr. Oja left, the community was fortunate in securing the services of Dr. Joseph McCrorie Laltoo, who came to Ashley with his wife and three children on February 6, 1962. Dr. Laltoo, a British subject and native of Trinidad, acquired his medical education at the University of Bristol in England. He practiced his profession for a time in Strathclair, Manitoba, Canada before coming to Ashley. He left Ashley in July, 1962 to accept a position with the Nassau Hospital, Mineola, New York, where he is specializing in surgery.

The hospital was without a local doctor for but a short period, when the community was again fortunate in securing the services of Dr. Roland Fleck who is presently located here.

Dr. Fleck was born in Gablonz, Czechoslovakia on January 30, 1933. He obtained his medical training at the University of Innsbruck, Austria, and in Paris, France. He interned for one year at Providence Hospital in Portland, Oregon and spent three years of residency in General Surgery and Urology at University Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin. It was there

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that he met his wife, Carol, who was born in Long Beach, California, but spent most of her life in Wisconsin. She received her nurses training at Madison General Hospital. Mrs. Fleck assists her husband in his office work and surgery. The Flecks have three daughters: Denise, Nancy and Rita.

Other doctors who have made use of the Ashley hospital

facilities have been Dr. Goodman of Napoleon; Dr. Pearson and Dr. Franz Gutowski of Wishek; and Dr. Malloy of Leola, South Dakota. Dr. Anna Gutowski had moved to Ashley and set up a practice on August 9, 1962. Tragedy, however, struck on September 15, 1962, when Dr. Anna Gutowski was instantly killed in an automobile accident while driving west of Minot, North Dakota.



Ashley Memorial Hospital taken through the Ashley Park.



Left to right: Gary Feil, Mrs. Reinie Feil, Reinie Feil, and Marvin Feil

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1962 Grand Champion, Tri-County Fair, Wishek, North Dakota. Also Grand Champion over all Breeds at this Fair.
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1961 Grand Champion Mare of North Dakota
1961 Grand Champion Mare at State Fair at Huron, South Dakota
MARE SCARLETT O'HARA 15347
1960 Reserve Grand Champion Mare of North Dakota

ASHLEY PARK DISTRICT



ASHLEY PARK BOARD

Members from left to right
Reinhold Kramer, H. H. Jenner, Leonard Roeszler, Leslie Laudon, Adolph Thurn

The year 1954 was historic for Ashley in that at the regular City election on April 6, five Commissioners were elected and the Park District was created. The first board of officers were: Adolph Thurn, Pres.; Leslie Laudon, V. Pres.; Reinhold Kramer, Clerk; H. H. Jenner and Leonard Roeszler, members.

Andrew Iszler was hired as caretaker of the park grounds.

Properties under the jurisdiction of the board were the City Park located in the northern section of Ashley and the Park area at Lake Hoskins located three miles west of Ashley.

Plantings of trees and shrubs at the City Park date back to 1946 when the Lions Club members joined hands with the city fathers and work was started. Lake Hoskins being the main swimming place at the time was the place of a Summer Program which featured Supervised Swimming under the Red Cross Water Safety Course as well as water skiing and boating.

Kenneth Triggs was the first Summer Program supervisor and life-guard.

Winter activities feature a skating pond at the City Park.

Floyd Schock was manager of the program in 1955. In the spring of 1956 plans were laid for a double Tennis Court which was completed late in the season west of the Ashley Hospital. Kenneth Dockter managed the program for that year. Additional land was secured from the Fair Board including the area where the Fair building and the Ball Park were located. 1957 found Gene Cook managing the program with Tennis and Midget Ball added features. September 1957 plans were made for a Swimming Pool. Westgate Spray Concrete Company was contacted and plans moved rapidly with the election for a bond issue on December 10, 1957. Vote was in favor of the issue.

Westgate Spray Concrete was the bidder awarded the contract and the pool was opened for swimming in July, 1958. Willis Heinrich was pool manager and main life-guard. Dedication of the pool was held on July 19, 1959.

Pool managers since 1959, Frank Bender; 1960 and 1961,

Ronald Brosz; 1962, Myron Rau.

In 1959 the parcel of land where the Fair Building and the Ball Park were located was sold to the Ashley School District which is the site of the new High School.

1962 brought about the organization of a local Saddle Club. The necessity of a site to put on shows brought about a lease agreement for part of the Hoskins Lake Park grounds, which will bring more activity to the area and improve the use of the Lake-side park.

William Bader has been employed as Park Caretaker since 1958 and is active at the present time.

The present board members are: Leslie Laudon, Pres.

Leonard Roeszler, V. Pres.

Reinhold Kramer, Clerk

H. H. Jenner, Member

Adolph Thurn, Member

The five members have been on the board since its beginning in 1954.

Ashley's park is a place that has had many favorable comments from visitors and a favorite spot for many on a Sunday picnic.

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McINTOSH COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION

The McIntosh County Fair Association was organized June 14, 1927, with H. S. Woll elected president; J. W. Meidinger, vice president; and Wm. B. Maercklein, secretary. The first fair was held in 1928. Originally the ground plot was considerably larger than at present. About 60 acres south of the Soo Line tracks were sold to Henry Huber. After 1936, no fairs were held and no records are available of meetings until December, 1946.

The McIntosh County Fair Association was revived in December 1946, after being inactive from 1936. Edward Rau was elected president; Adolph Thurn, secretary; and H. H. Jenner, treasurer. New stocks were sold so new blood would be in the association. No fair was held in 1947. A lease was issued to the county for the present building, now on the schoolgrounds, and a grandstand was built in 1947. In 1948 the officers were re-elected. A fair was held that year. In 1948 Fred Merkel became president, but the treasurer and secretary remained the same. Again a fair was held in this year.

In 1950 the same officers were re-elected, and a fair was held that year. In 1952 A. H. Kessel was elected president. Treasurer and secretary remained the same. These three officers have retained their respective positions to the present time.

In 1951 the last fair was held, because every year the ledger showed a loss in operations. Thereafter the business of the association was just a matter of routine.

On February 22, 1960 a portion of land was sold to the Ashley Public School for the erection of a Junior-Senior High School.

On March 10, 1960 a lease was given to the Ashley Golf Association to make a seven-hole golf course.

There have been several attempts since the sale of the land to the school to unseat the present directors, but the courts have upheld their qualifications and at present there is no change in the control of officers elected.



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COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT'S OFFICE



The County Extension Service was established on August 18, 1933 in conjunction with the AAA, USDA.

On February 29, 1936, the Agricultural Conservation Act was signed by the President of the United States, thereby authorizing this program to replace the AAA, which was declared unconstitutional January 6, 1936.

The two fields of work by cooperative agreement were combined into one, known as the Agricultural Conservation Association and County Extension Agent's Office.

In November of the same year the voters of McIntosh County voted to establish Agricultural Extension work and

the County Extension Office was created on July 1, 1937.

The Agricultural Extension Service functions in the county are to promote a better standard of living for its citizens, encourage cooperative farm projects, and disseminate information on crops, livestock, soils, farm and home improvement, market, and recreational activities.

The first County Extension Agent in McIntosh County was Robert J. Adams who pioneered the Agricultural Extension program. In 1935 six homemakers clubs were organized: Zeeland Homemakers, Venturia Homemakers, Busy Bee Homemakers, Sunshine Homemakers, Prosperity Homemakers, and Happy Day Homemakers. Four of these clubs are still in existence over a period of 27 years, with many of the same members today. They are the Zeeland Homemakers, Venturia Homemakers, Busy Bee Homemakers, and Sunshine. Several clubs have been organized over the past 25 years that no longer are active. At present there are fifteen active clubs in McIntosh County.

NAME OF CLUB	ORGANIZED	FIRST PRESIDENT	PRESENT PRESIDENT
Zeeland	1935	Mrs. Rhinee Delzer	Mrs. P. J. Hasenmueller
Modernettes	1956	Mrs. Wilbert Boschee	Mrs. Joe Wolf
Venturia	1936	Mrs. Bert Schnabel	Miss Mary Kretschmar
Merry Maids	1948	Mrs. Gideon Breitling	Mrs. Leonhardt Ritter
Royal	1949	Mrs. James Powers	Mrs. Vernon Scherbenske
Danzig	1953	Mrs. Wm. Giedt	Mrs. Wilbert Baumann
Jolly	1956	Mrs. C. A. Herr	Mrs. Ben Meidinger
Quilting	1957	Mrs. Ed. K. Wiest	Mrs. Lydia Wiest
Wishek	1953	Mrs. Jake Lepp	Mrs. Reinhold Schaffer
Sunshine	1936	Mrs. W. L. Hein	Mrs. Gerhardt Rothfusz
Busy Bee	1936	Mrs. Wm. Baumann	Mrs. Wm. Baumann
Ashley Juniors	1948	Mrs. Albert Maier	Mrs. Ray Baumann
Golden Circle	1959	Mrs. Viold Moeckel	Mrs. Milton Walz
Fancy Friends	1962	Mrs. Morgan Wolf	Mrs. Morgan Wolf
Wishek Community	1954	Mrs. John Singer	Elaine Wiest

In 1936 the 4-H boys and girls club work was started with 18 clubs: Ambitious Club, Merry Maidens, Happy Go Lucky, Moonlight, Bright Stars, 4-H Forwards, Sunshine, Busy Bee, Hook and I Club, Wide Awake Club, Jolly Workers, Lowell Loyal Workers, Up and Coming, Blue Ribbon, Zeeland Grand Corn Club, Venturia Poultry, Lazy Bones Poultry and Garden, Lowell Corn Club. At the present there are eleven 4-H clubs in existence.

NAME OF CLUB	LOCAL LEADER
Ashley Jolly Juniors	Mrs. B. E. Kretschmar
Blue Bird	Mrs. Gideon Dobler
Lone Star	Mr. Peter Goettle
Busy Merry Bees	Mrs. Ben Steinhaus
Stitch and Stir	Mrs. Albert Weisser
Venturia Happy Stars	Mrs. Alfred Dobler
Torch Bearers	Mrs. Adam Harr
Torch Bearers	Mr. Elledhor Irion
Merri Belles	Mrs. Aaron J. Meidinger
Clover Cubs	Mrs. Frank J. Feist
Merri-Lassi	Mrs. George Streifel

During the past twenty-five years many program projects and activities have been carried on. Some are still in existence today, many of them have been completed and many disbanded. Most of the programs dealing with agriculture or of an agricultural nature originated, or were organized, by this office. There were many programs that dealt with the depression and drought years.

The Grasshopper Control Program was started in 1938 and was carried on into the early 40's. Some 900 farmers in the county were supplied with hopper bait per year for the control of grasshoppers. Two mixing stations were set up, one at Ashley and one at Wishek. W.P.A. labor was used for the mixing. These two stations could mix twenty-five tons of bait per day.

In 1936, a Shelter Belt Demonstration Program was undertaken. Many of these tree belts can be seen in the Ashley area today.

A Wheat Loan and Purchase Program was initiated in 1938, along with the Federal Crop Insurance Program.

Some 800 farmers were supplied with gopher poison

COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT'S OFFICE — cont'd

per year, for the control of gophers which was a major problem to farmers in the late 30's.

In the same period of years legume and grass demonstration plots were started. Not very many of those were successful due to drought, cut worms, and grasshoppers. These trials were continued and after a few years with moisture conditions more favorable and insect problems less severe, many farmers had success with alfalfa, and tame grasses. The improvement of grass and legume varieties was also a great help towards the success. Today there are very few farms that do not have large fields of alfalfa and tame grasses.

Another project undertaken in the late 30's was soil erosion area mapping. With the drought year in the 30's the water table got very low, resulting in a well survey where some 900 wells were surveyed that year.

A Land Use Planning Program was started in 1939 and completed in 1942. Much information was gained by this land use planning and is still used today.

A Horse Bot Control Program was carried on in the late 30's treating between 3 to 4 thousand horses per year. In the same year a horse brain disease (encephalomyelitis) broke out, and many horses were lost through this disease breaking up many well-matched team. This was the beginning of the decline of the horse population in the area. Tractors were then coming into existence, many farmers buying tractors instead of replacing the horses lost due to the brain disease.

With the loss of horses, tractors became more numerous in 1939. On many a farm one could see a tractor pulling a binder or a header and header box that used to require eight horses. But horses still played a major part of the power on the farms until after World War II, because it was difficult to get new machinery and repairs and as a result farmers had to use their old machinery that was drawn by horses. Following World War II, the tractor and combine replaced the horse, binder and header in very short order. It wasn't long before very few horses were seen used as a source of farm power. In the late 50's and early 60's people again became interested in horses, but only as a hobby or pleasure. They are the light horse instead of the heavy draft horse.

In 1961, the Gold Star Saddle Club was organized at Ashley. Its first officers were Reinie Feil, Edwin Neu, Dennis Schock, Pete Goettle, Harry Nitschke, August Nitschke, and A. F. Bosch.

In 1938, a county-wide T.B. Test Program was initiated and the county was accredited T.B. free. Over the past 25 years many spot tests have been made for T.B. and the county is still T.B. free. A bangs test program was also started the same year where 27 herds were tested for the control of brucellosis. A county-wide bangs test was again carried out in the early 50's, and another one undertaken in 1963. After this test in 1963 they hope to have the county accredited bangs free.

Many livestock improvement programs have been carried on over the past 25 years. In 1938 a Sire Exchange and

Sire Loan Program was started and in 1940, five purebred bulls, eight rams and two stallions were placed. The continuance of livestock improvement was carried on and in 1947 the McIntosh County Livestock Association was organized. The first officers of this organization were: J. L. Raile, president; Gottfried Kempf, vice-president; Larry M. Iversen, secretary-treasurer. Other directors were Henry Kranzler, W. C. Bettenhausen, and Richard J. Bader.

The first purebred sale was held in the fall of 1947. Since that time the association has held at least one sale a year, and has held as many as three sales per year; an all-breed sale in the fall, a gild sale in the early spring, and a bull sale in the early summer. The association has held an annual Livestock Breeders Banquet since 1952.

In 1956, the McIntosh County Hereford Association was organized. The first directors of this association were: Oscar Herman, Calford Mayer, Rueben George, Walter Ruff, and A. F. Bosch. This association has held annual purebred sales the past three years. Not only has the quality of livestock improved due to more purebred breeders, but through technical knowledge and assistance in feeding, breeding, and management. New methods of feeding have interested many farmers in feeding and finishing steers over the past few years. The use of stilbestrol was demonstrated in 1956 along with dehorning, castrating, vaccinating, and branding, and with artificial breeding which was started in 1961 has greatly improved the livestock industry the past few years.

A county-wide Calf Vaccination Program was started in 1958 and has been carried on every year to the present time.

After the depression in the 30's, fast improvements were also made in the crop production when Thatcher wheat was released in 1939 and later Rival and Pilot. Clean seed again became plentiful and these varieties yielded 20 bushels per acre.

Many other new crop varieties were released over the past 20 years. Some of the important ones in the wheat were Mida, Lee, Selkirk, and Pembina, and the latest, Justin. Some of the important ones in barley are Kindred L, Trail, Larker and Trophy. A feed barley, Tregal, played an important part for many years. There have also been great improvements in the varieties of oats and flax. Other crops that came in, in the 40's were Cain, Sudan Grass, Millets, and Sorgums.

Many short lift programs were carried on in the early 40's and during the war years, such as sheep dipping, hog cholera and Victory Gardens in 1942, and functioned until 1946. Some of the projects undertaken by the War Board were the Food Stamp Plan, War Letters, Machinery Repair, Labor Situation and Production Goals, Food for Freedom, Machinery Rationing, etc.

Many community and home-improvement projects have been carried out the past 25 years: Re-organizing the Tri-County Fair after the war years which has held an annual fair and show ever since, and the McIntosh County Fair at Ashley which held annual fairs and shows until 1952. The Ashley City Park was surveyed and planted in 1946, has been continuously improved and today is a beauty spot in the City of Ashley.

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Many water and sewer demonstrations were conducted in the area in the early 50's and as a result there are very few farm homes that do not have running water and a sewage system.

One of the greatest improvements on the farm was the coming of electricity in 1946. Educational meetings were held where the R.E.A. Program was explained. Sign up meetings followed and enough farmers signed up so that the construction of R.E.A. was started in the summer of 48 and a line in the Danzig area was energized on November 1 of that year. Wm. Giedt was the first farmer to have R.E.A. service in the three counties of Emmons, Logan and McIntosh. 98% of the farmers in McIntosh County had electrical services five years later. The R.E.A. Program was so successful that the Rural Telephone Program was undertaken in 1950. The first committee to undertake the organization and developing of R.T.A. was Fred Klipfel, Jacob Schmidt, Oscar Pfeifle, Gideon Breitting, Paul Woehl, and A. F. Bosch. This committee met with Dickey County, October 16 of the same year and formed the Dickey Mutual Aid Telephone Corporation. Many telephones were installed in farm homes shortly thereafter, and today most farmers wanting telephone service can have it by requesting it.

A new chemical such as D.D.T. for the control of insects, livestock pests, and chemical for seed treatment, 2, 4-D and other weedicides have assisted the farmer in livestock raising and crop production.

Another program started in 1954 was soil testing, to determine the fertilizer needs and to increase the yield per acre. In 1950 the McIntosh County Soil Conservation District was organized. The Extension Office held educational meetings throughout the county, explaining purposes of a district. The land owners and operators voted in a Soil Conservation District

in 1950, and elected its first board of supervisors. Those elected were J. L. Raile, Edwin Neu, and Otto Meidinger. At the first board meeting they named A. F. Bosch as secretary-treasurer. In 1951 the Soil Conservation Service placed a unit conservationist in the district.

Veterans on the farm training classes were organized in 1950 in Ashley, Wishek, Lehr and Zeeland.

In 1958, a group of Ashley citizens met and discussed some form of program that should be put on annually in this community. This group came up with the idea of sponsoring the Dakota Plowing Contest. G. H. Hernett, mayor of Ashley, and A. F. Bosch, county agent, were named co-chairman to undertake this project. Several committees were set up and this contest was put on in the fall of 1958 with 25 contestants. The first Dakota Plowing Champion was Ray Zimmerman of Lehr. Mr. Zimmerman has continuously defended his championship for the past five years and represented North Dakota in the National Plowing Contest at Sioux Falls, S. Dak. in 1960, and again at Melrose, Minnesota in 1961.

Every year at the Dakota Plowing Contest a Furrow Queen is selected. Furrow Queens the past years were 1958 — Penelope Kramer, 1959 — Avis Goheen, 1960 — Alice Streifel, 1961 — Marcella Vetter, 1962 — Judy Levi. Along with the Dakota Plowing Contest is held the annual County 4-H Achievement Day, Farm Forum and commercial exhibits.

Periods of appointments and service of agents:

Robert J. Adams, County Agricultural-Adjustment, Conservation Agent, August 12, 1933 to 1941.

Morris O. Broschat — County Extension Agent, 1942 to 1945.

Larry M. Iverson — County Extension Agent, 1946 to 1947.

Andrew F. Bosch — County Extension Agent, 1948-.

AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE

Since its organization on August 18, 1933, the office was assigned to administer various programs. Among these were the Agricultural Conservation Program, Marketing Quota, Acreage Allotments, Commodity Loans, Sugar Act Program, Farm Storage Facility Loans, National Wool Program, Grain Storage and more recently the Wheat Stabilization Program, Feed Grain Program and the Emergency Livestock Feed Program. The county office is also taking an active part with all other USDA agencies in our National Defense Program.

From its beginning until 1945 the various programs were administered by the County Committee of the Agricultural Conservation Ass'n with the County Extension Agent serving as secretary. Due to increased workloads, the two agencies were disunited and the secretary of the ACA was appointed by the County Committee from its own personnel, the County Extension Agent becoming an ex-officio member of the committee.

McIntosh County was aerially photographed during the summer of 1938. Since 1939 all field measurements for compliance purposes were made with the use of photographs. The county was reflown in 1952 and 1960.

In 1950 a Soil Conservation District was organized in McIntosh County. Besides performing its own duties, this agency assumes the responsibility to carry out all technical work for the county committee under the Agricultural Conservation Program.

In 1953, in a referendum vote, wheat growers approved marketing quotas effective for 1954. Quotas have been in effect continuously since.

In 1942 the first binsites were erected in McIntosh County. The six sites consisted of 239 grain bins. In 1944 all bins were offered for sale to farmers to increase storage space on the farms. In 1952 the need for additional storage space again arose and four binsites were erected, consisting of 110 bins. Until recently all sites were filled to capacity.

In 1961 a major Livestock Feed Program was in effect due to a severe drought in the western half of the county. Approximately 231,000 bushels of oats, barley and corn were made available to livestock producers in the drought-stricken areas.

Since 1952 through 1962 farmers have placed approxi-

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ASCS COUNTY COMMITTEE AND OFFICE PERSONNEL

Back row, left to right: William Thurn, Fred Frank, August Thurn, Emil Bauer and William Baumann.

Front row, left to right: Raymond Bauer, Milton Schauer,

Janet Hoffman, Anna M. Walker, Reinhold Dockter and Arthur Kaul.

mately 1,000,000 bushels of grain under the price support program annually. The highest number of loans under price support was in 1952 when 2800 loans were processed. Sign-up under the Agricultural Conservation Program has been at a high rate since 1949. Requests for cost-sharing assistance for grass and legume seeding, tree planting, construction of dams and dugouts, wells for livestock and summerfallow have increased each year. From 1933 to 1944 the average annual seeding of grass and legumes was about 4,000 acres whereas in 1962 the seeding has increased to approximately 32,000 acres. Summerfallow has increased in the same period from 7,500 acres to approximately 70,000 acres annually. Tree plantings have also increased during the past years.

Late in 1956 the Soil Bank Act was passed by Congress. The basic purpose of the Soil Bank is to divert a portion of the cropland on a farm from the production of crops and devote it exclusively to conservation uses. Harvesting of crops or grazing on designated conservation reserve acreage is prohibited unless authorized by the Secretary of Agriculture to alleviate hardship or suffering caused by severe drought, flood, or other natural causes. Contract periods are from three to ten years. At its peak, 99 contracts were in effect.

On July 1, 1961, the county office moved from its former location at the county courthouse to its present downtown quarters.

Current County Committee and office personnel are as follows: County Committee — August Thurn, chairman; Fred Frank, vice-chairman; and Emil Bauer, member. Office personnel — William Thurn, office manager; Reinhold Dockter, chief clerk; Anna M. Walker, price support clerk; Arthur Kaul, soil bank and wheat stabilization program clerk; Ray Bauer, feed grain clerk; Janet Hoffman, general clerk and Milton M. Schauer, grain storage supervisor.

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CATTLE

While mention has been given in this book to grain production, the cattle business, both beef and dairy, in McIntosh County should not be overlooked. There is no doubt that during the 1930's when grain crops failed most farmers existed on the little money they received from cream checks and from the sale of calves each fall.

Until comparatively recent times, perhaps 10 or 15 years ago, there was not much difference in McIntosh County between a beef cow and a dairy cow and most farmers were milking white-face cows who generally produced pretty good calves that were raised on separated milk and sold in the fall.

However, in the past decade the dairy and beef cattle business, like every other business, has become more specialized, and most farmers in the dairy business have acquired a good set of dairy cows, generally Holstein or Brown Swiss, and those farmers in the beef-cattle business have generally upgraded their commercial cows with good Hereford, Polled Hereford, Angus or Shorthorn bulls.

There are a good number of purebred Hereford, Polled Hereford, Angus and Shorthorn herds in the county that are producing beef-breeding stock for development of local herds. Many of these purebred breeders have spent many years developing their cow herds and have traveled great distances and paid large amounts for better herd sires; and it is not uncommon for a purebred breeder to pay as much as \$2,000.00 for a good herd sire.

In line with the mechanization and electrification of farms, and increased grain acreages, cattle numbers have also great-

ly increased in the county. Where the average farmer may have wintered 20 and 30 cows in the 1930's and 1940's, it is not uncommon to see farmers wintering 100 or more beef cows, and other farmers who have gone into the feeding business, to feed 200 to 300 steers the year around.

The increase in cattle numbers in the county is evidenced by the greater demand for pasture and hayland. Where 20 or 30 years ago much prairie land was idle and nearly any of it could be acquired for \$10.00 to \$15.00 per acre, today there is very little prairie not used for either pasture or hayland, and grassland is in great demand, some selling as high as \$50.00 per acre, even in view of the fact that considerable marginal cultivated land has been seeded back to tame grass in the past several years.

As with the production of grain, through the use of newer and better farm machinery, such as better mowers and balers, hydraulic lifts and forks on tractors; mechanized feeding equipment such as electric augers, roller mills, hammer-mills, and automatic electrically-heated water pressure systems; better roads and bigger and better trucks, there is no doubt that the cattle business in McIntosh County is bound to grow and prosper. Inasmuch as much of the land in McIntosh County could be considered marginal cultivated land, and as McIntosh County could be considered to be in a semi-arid region, and also in view of the fact that there exists in our country today an overabundance of wheat and other grain, it may well be that the cattle business in McIntosh County has the great and brightest future of all.



Pictured here is part of the purebred polled Hereford herd of Calford Mayer of Ashley. The top picture shows cows and calves on pasture heading for water in the dugout visible to the right. These dugouts have eliminated to a great extent

the work and trouble necessary to provide cattle with sufficient water. The lower picture shows a group of two-year purebred polled Hereford heifers and a bull on pasture. Both pictures were taken in August, 1962.



McINTOSH COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT



Back row: Kenneth Silvernagel, Clifford Jeske. Front row: Otto Meidinger, A. M. Nolz, Edwin Neu, A. F. Bosch.

The McIntosh County Soil Conservation District came into being by referendum in the June primary elections June 27, 1950. That same year on October 9th the following were elected to serve as supervisors for the newly formed district: J. L. Raile, Wishek; Otto Meidinger, Wishek; and Edwin Neu, Ashley.

Actual organization of the board took place in January in 1951. In February of that year, George Daniels was assigned to the district by the Soil Conservation Service to act as Work Unit Conservationist.

In 1952 A. M. Nolz of Zeeland replaced J. L. Raile as a member of the board. Since that time and until now, all three men have served as members of the board. Each supervisor serves a 2 year term, at which time he must again be subject to re-election to the position.

Clifford E. Jeske replaced George Daniels in March of 1954 as Work Unit Conservationist. In April of 1955 George Waliser was assigned as an assistant to the work unit conservationist. He served in that capacity until the fall of 1960 when he was transferred and replaced by Kenneth Silvernagel who presently fills that position.

The soil conservation district's primary job is to assist farmers and ranchers in the county in applying and developing sound soil and water conservation practices. Approximately 475 McIntosh County farmers and ranchers are now cooperators with the Soil Conservation District. Of this number, 150 have developed conservation plans on their farms.

In 1960 the Department of Agriculture assigned to the district, administration of the Great Plains Program. This program was designed to assist farmers and ranchers in developing a sound conservation plan on their farms. Presently there are 70 farmers who have developed this type of plan and 50 who are interested in this type of program.

To date the district has planted over 785 acres of farmstead tree belts, and 235 acres to field windbreaks. Ranchers and farmers have seeded 3,800 acres to tame pastures. Over

375 dams and dugouts have been constructed for watering livestock in the county. Other soil and water conserving practices have been planned and installed by the district with the assistance of the Soil Conservation personnel.

This type of program is a continuous operation. The board members are resigned to the fact that a big job still remains to be done, soil and water conservation-wise in the county.

THE ASHLEY CLEANERS

The Ashley Cleaners was established in 1946 by Alex Galusha in a small building located on the south side of main street just a little west of the Spitzer Hotel. This building has now been moved and the location is vacant. The business was moved to a new location in 1948, to a building owned by the Wishek Investment Company, at 112 Second Avenue N.W., which is the present location of the business. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Roeszler purchased the Ashley Cleaners in 1949 and operated it until 1959 when they sold it to Curtis Walther. In 1962, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schauer bought it and are the present owners and operators.

HICKORY HARDWARE STORE

The name Hickory Hardware Store has the distinction of having the same name since 1906. It was then built and operated by Ludwig Schauer when, after his death in May 1921, it was purchased by Ludwig Thurn and Philip Weisz. They operated this as a partnership until 1923, after which Ludwig Thurn bought out the interest of Philip Weisz. As a full time clerk, Ludwig Thurn's son Adolph continued to operate this firm with his father as Hickory Hardware Store.

In March 19, 1942 Adolph Thurn bought the interest of the store from his father and is still presently operating the firm as The Hickory Hardware Store.

In 1956 the store was enlarged from 40 feet to 116 feet long and new fixtures were installed. In 1959 a new front was added.

The clerk, Jacob J. Bertsch, has been with the firm since April 1956.



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For more than a quarter of a century the Farmers Home Administration and its predecessor agencies have provided agricultural credit to deserving farm families in McIntosh County who were unable to obtain needed credit from conventional private or cooperative lenders.

The loaning authorities, types of loans and total amount that can be loaned has been broadened considerably since the old days of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Program of the late 20's and early 30's (ECFL). The first broadening of these authorities came when the ECFL program was reorganized and Farm Security Administration (FSA) was established and transferred to United States Department of Agriculture in 1939. FSA was set up to promote rehabilitation of low-income farm owners, farm tenants, sharecroppers and farm laborers; to provide relief for destitute farm families in stricken agricultural areas; and promote farm ownership. This program was initiated by various Government agencies and consolidated under the Resettlement Administration by executive order on April 30, 1935 and transferred to Farm Security Administration on September 1, 1937 then transferred to USDA as an agency of the department in 1939. In August 1946 the Farm Security Administration and Emergency Crop and Feed Loan division of the Farm Credit Administration was abolished. The Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act was amended and Farmers Home Administration created.

Since its creation the Farmers Home Administration has been one of the factors behind the survival of the family farm and its strengthened position as one of the foundation stones of the country's economy. Four main groups of family farmers turn to the agency for assistance in developing plans to meet their needs. First there are the small farmers who need a bigger base to build on. Second there are the young farmers who must overcome barriers to enter the field of agriculture on a sound and secure basis. Third are the established farmers who must make large scale adjustments to

keep up with changing times. Fourth are the farmers and ranchers who face crises because of disasters that have struck a crippling blow at their means of production.

Without Farmers Home Administration assistance many of these families would have been forced to sell out and the younger farmers would have been unable to get started in their chosen occupation.

Presently Farmers Home Administration can make loans to eligible applicants for operating purposes, purchase or enlarge farms, water development or conservation of soil, watershed, and emergency purposes. It is also authorized to make loans to families in towns of 2500 people or less to build or improve homes.

There is a county committee of three members who work with the county office. This committee certifies to all loan applications before funds can be advanced. The committee also helps the county supervisor with loan servicing in its county.

The Farmers Home Administration and its predecessor agencies have loaned over \$9 million to farm families in McIntosh County to buy livestock, machinery, equipment, crop production goods and to buy, enlarge or improve farms. These loans have done much in the county to improve living conditions and modernize homes.

County Supervisors who have served this county are: Arthur Schlenker, Ben W. Meier, Math Zeltinger, Felix Adams, Peter Albrecht, Walter Billing, Carl Opstad and Arthur A. Schrenk.

Arthur A. Schrenk is the present county supervisor; John Braun the assistant county supervisor; Janice Schnabel the county office clerk; and Frances Lehr the part-time assistant county office clerk. Arthur C. Nitschke is chairman of the county committee; Anton P. Schaffner and Wm. C. Giedt are the two other members of this committee.

The McIntosh County Office in Ashley also served Logan County until July of 1960.

FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION



Back row L. to R: Arthur C. Nitschke, William C. Giedt, Arthur A. Schrenk, and Anton P. Schaffner.

Front row, L. to R: Frances Lehr and Janice Schnabel.

ASHLEY CHAPTER OF THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA, 1962-63



Left to right:

Front Row: LaVern Frankfort, Larry Baumann, Charles Rott, David Tschetter, Delbert Eszlinger, Jarrold Neu, Ronald Retzer, Allen Baumann.

Second Row: Ronald Mehrer, Advisor, Harvey Rohrbach, Robert Bertsch, Reuben Nies, Dennis Kappes, Larry Ritter, James Klipfel, Lester Schlepp, Norley Meidinger, Donovan Nies.

Third Row: Delbert Nitschke, Avon Ulrich, Robert Kempf, Lester Schock, Ronald Schauer, Ronald Schwind, Delmar Ruff, LeRoy Kempf, Gary Schumacher, Roger Nitschke.

Fourth Row: Stanley Dockter, Walter Puhlmann, David Jenner, Barry Feil, Glenn Denning, Allen Kost, Larry Dockter, Roger Nies, Marvin Goettile, Don Hoff.

Not pictured: Gerald Goettile, Duane Fink, Harley Fink, Terry Dockter.

The local chapters of the Future Farmers of America are found in schools offering vocational agriculture in the curriculum. In the fall of 1961, Ashley High School offered vocational agriculture for the first time. On September 18, 1961, an organizational meeting for the Ashley vocational agriculture club was held, with Gerald Goettile elected as the first president.

The club was officially installed as a local chapter of the Future Farmers of America in a meeting held on November 28, 1961. The Linton FFA chapter performed the installation ceremonies. State President Mike Connor and National Vice-President Daryl Eastvold addressed the group. The chapter was organized with 37 charter members. Ronald Mehrer, vocational agriculture instructor at Ashley High School, was the advisor to the group.

As the second year of operation began, Delbert Eszlinger was elected president and the membership grew to 41 members.

The primary purpose of the FFA is to develop com-

petent, aggressive, rural and agricultural leadership. Every member has an opportunity to participate in activities which lead to the leadership abilities the FFA strives to develop. Some of the activities in which the Ashley chapter has participated are: crops judging, livestock judging, dairy cattle judging, dairy products judging, land judging, bowling, public speaking, farming proficiency contests, farm mechanics basic skills contest, basketball, parliamentary procedure demonstration contests, chapter officer awards, showing livestock, farming account book awards, crops exhibiting, state chapter contest, dairy production records, corn trials, star farmer award. The Ashley Chapter certainly lives up to the FFA Motto:

Learning to do

Doing to Learn

Earning to Live

Living to Serve

FEDERAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES



Back row, left to right: Otto Meidinger — SCS, Clifford E. Jeske — SCS, William Thurn — ASCS, Arthur Kaul — ASCS, Reinhold Dockter — ASCS, Raymond Bauer — ASCS, Milton Schauer — ASCS.

Middle row, left to right: Arthur C. Nitschke — FHA, Wm. C. Giedt — FHA, Arthur E. Schrenk — FHA, William Baumann — FCIC, Oswald H. Weisser — rural mail carrier,

Andrew F. Bosch — County Extension Agent, Emil Bauer — ASCS.

Front row, left to right: A. M. Nolz — SCS, Anton P. Schaffner — FHA, Anna M. Walker — ASCS, Janet Hoffman — ASCS, Frances Lehr — FHA, Janice Schnabel — FHA, Fred Frank — ASCS and August Thurn — ASCS.

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The building located on East Main, which houses the U.S. Post Office, was erected in 1961 by the Wishek Investment Company. It was built to government specifications and leased to the U.S. Post Office Department. The post office occupied the new building in September of that year. The Ashley post office is rated a second class office.

The post office locations dating back to approximately 1910 were as follows: 1. The building last occupied by Salzer Electric, now removed and a vacant lot at present. 2. The building occupied by Moench Insurance. 3. The building now occupied by the Ashley Bakery. 4. The place now occupied by Andy's Bar. 5. The corner location now occupied by Montana Dakota Utilities Co. 6. The present location.

Postmasters and acting postmasters were as follows: Thomas J. Lamunyon, appointed May 4, 1888; William G. Lawhead, appointed Nov. 1, 1888; John C. Williams, appointed Nov. 2, 1889; Isaac C. A. Thorn, appointed April 25, 1893; Thomas S. Johnstone, appointed September 28, 1901; Robert C. Miles, appointed February 23, 1911; James N. McGogy, appointed December 16, 1915; Mildred B. Johnson, appointed March 28, 1933; Robert R. Bertsch, appointed September 1, 1957; Albert Maier (present incumbent) appointed August 7, 1959.

Rural Routes — Route No. 1 established February 1, 1912. First carrier, Virgil S. Collins. Others serving were Joseph F. Vanorney and Reinhold Weber. Present carrier

serving a 53-mile route is Ludwig Schlabsz, appointed Jan. 14, 1961. Route No. 2 established July 1, 1926. First carrier was Joseph F. Vanorney. Others serving were Reinhold Weber and Enoch Wahl. Present carrier serving a 69-mile route is Oswald H. Weisser, appointed October 31, 1959.

Present postal employees include: Postmaster Albert Maier; Miss Bertha Schauer, regular clerk, who has the longest record of service in the local post office, serving under four postmasters starting with the late J. N. McGogy; Mrs. Eva Bendewald, substitute clerk, who started in 1943 under Mrs. Mildred Johnson. Mrs. Harold Dockter is temporary substitute clerk, who started under Postmaster Albert Maier in 1961. Rural carriers are Ludwig Schlabsz, Route No. 1; and Oswald Weisser, Route No. 2. Contract job cleaner for the post office is Joe Daschendorf starting in 1961.

Posing in front of post office is Postmaster Albert Maier.

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FRANK PIPER POST NO. 53, AMERICAN LEGION

Ashley, North Dakota



Bottom Row, Left to Right: Richard Schaeffer, Adam Miller, Andrew Schauer, Fred Breitmeyer, Jacob Gruenich, Karl Baumann, A. E. Tschetter, John Huether, Christ Rall, Jacob Glaesmann, August Thurn, Charles Meyer.

Second Row, left to right: Marvin Kessel, Dave Helmer, Gottfried Harsch, Isadore Lang, Les Laudon, Gottlieb Thurn, Bruce Kretschmar, Andrew Bosch, Oscar Herman, Albert Martel.

Third Row, left to right: William Thurn, Herbert Miller, Albert Iszler, Alvin Walz, Reinhold Dockter, Elroy Walker,

Herbert Moench, Otto Maier, Willis Roeszler.

Fourth Row, left to right: Fred Marzolf, Jr., Emil T. Heupel, Otto Helfenstein, Christ Schlabz, George Kost, Walter Retzer, Ervin Spiry.

Fifth Row, left to right: Peter Helfenstein, Wayne Rowe, Gottlieb Eszlinger, Albert Maier, Floyd Schock, William Wald, Earl Weisz.

Top Row, left to right: Myron Rau, Albert Golz, Milton M. Schauer, Max Wishek, Jr., Theodore Woehl, Dr. Leo Cohen.



Bottom Row, left to right: Harold Schumacher, Henry Hoff, Jacob Knoll, Jacob J. Mayer, Gottlieb L. Saylor, Jacob Heupel, Raymond W. Iszler.

Second Row, left to right: John Salzer, Sam Geist, Leonard M. Klein, Harold Klein, Elmer A. Dockter, Leonard Nitschke, Ludwig Schlabsz, Clarence Salzer.

Third Row, left to right: Gordon Hoffman, Ervin R. Weber, Marvin Erlenbusch, Fred Eszlinger, Oswald H. Weisser, Paul Meidinger, Enoch O. Strobel, Elmer Heupel.

Not Pictured: Fred Dewald, Gottlieb J. Iszler, Thomas F. Gartner, Clifford E. Jeske, Robert L. Johnson, Albert Weisser, Eugene Bertsch, Edward Stein, Reuben Meidinger.

FRANK PIPER POST NO. 53, AMERICAN LEGION

The Frank Piper Post #53 has been an active organization in Ashley since 1919. Past Commanders since 1938 are: 1938, E. H. Maercklein; 1939, E. P. Treick; 1940, Joe Tschetter; 1941, Jacob Rempher; 1942, Jacob Glaesmann; 1943, Richard Schaeffer; 1944, Charles Meyer; 1945, Fred Breitmayer; 1946, Fred Breitmayer; 1947, Oliver Meidinger; 1948, Gottlieb Klipfel; 1949, Andrew Bosch; 1950, Ludwig Schlabz; 1951, Bob Gramm; 1952, Gottlieb Thurn; 1953, David Helmer; 1954, Gottfried Harsch; 1955, Ervin Haefner; 1956, Art Dobler; 1957, Herbert Moench; 1958, Les Laudon; 1959, Isadore Nitschke; 1960, Claris Olsen; 1961, Fred Breitmayer; 1962, Marvin Kessel.

The local Post has continued to support civic projects and to perform community services. The legion hall construction had its beginning in 1950, and the building is available to individuals and organizations for meetings, banquets, exhibits, roller skating, and other activities. Memorial Day programs are arranged annually. In 1960, a memorial to the McIntosh County men who died in the service of their country was initiated by the Post. The memorial was placed on the courthouse grounds in 1961. The Post has also donated over \$2,000 to the McIntosh County Memorial Hospital.

An artillery piece was purchased as a war memorial by the Post and is located on the hospital grounds.

Continuing an active interest in the youth of the community, the Post annually sponsors a Junior boy from the Ashley High School to attend North Dakota Boys State. New uniforms were purchased for the Junior Legion Baseball team in 1961. The Post serves as coordinator for the midget and Junior Legion summer baseball programs for various Ashley organizations, who also contribute financially.

1962 officers were: Commander, Marvin Kessel; Vice Commander, Otto Maier; Adjutant and Historian, Myron D. Rau; Finance Officer, Oscar Herman; Service Officer, Dave Helmer; Chaplain, Gottfried Harsch; and Sgt. at Arms, Albert Martel.

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Middle Row left to right:

Mrs. Walter Retzer, Mrs. Edna Martz, Mrs. Leonard Nitschke,

Mrs. Fred Dewald, Mrs. Charles Meyer, Mrs. August Thurn, Mrs. Emma Weisser, Mrs. Emma Weber, Mrs. Albert Iszler.

Front Row left to right:

Mrs. Myron Ehley, Mrs. Ervin Weber, Mrs. Elroy Walker, Mrs. John Huether, Mrs. Albert Weisser, Mrs. Fred Breitmeyer, and Mrs. David Helmer.

The American Legion Auxiliary of the Frank Piper Post No. 53, was organized on the afternoon of June 3, 1932 at the home of Mrs. J. W. Meidinger. Mrs. G. Algerson, 3rd District Committee Woman and Mrs. Amelia Morris, National Vice President, were present at this meeting. There were 18 charter members, consisting of Nannie Piper, Prudence Mensing, Nina F. Wishek, Rosina Becker, Ida Schock, Mary Straub, Kate Mensing, Mary Rudow, Millie Johnson, Mary Eisenbeis, Bertha Pfahl, Emelia Eisenbeis, Bertha Schaeffer, Elizabeth Fischer, Katharina Reuther, Mary Ruemmele, Esther Tange, and Beth Meidinger.

The first officers were: Pres., Beth Meidinger, Vice-President, Elizabeth Fischer, Sec'y, Kate Mensing, and Treasurer Ida Schock. Chaplain was Mary Rudow. These women formed this organization that they might serve as our boys served with no thought of self, but to God and Country. They pledged their support to the American Legion, the disabled veteran and his family and the education of the war orphan. Poppy Day is observed each year. The proceeds of these sales are used for child welfare and rehabilitation.

The present officers are: Pres., Mrs. Myron Ehley, Vice-

Pres., Mrs. Albert Weisser, Second Vice-Pres., Mrs. John Huether, Sec'y, Mrs. David Helmer, Treas., Mrs. Fred Breitmeyer, Chaplain, Mrs. Eugene Bertsch, Sergeant-at-arms, Mrs. Leonard Nitschke.

Several members were unable to be present for the picture. They are: Mrs. Albert Golz, Mrs. Eugene Bertsch, Mrs. Emmanuel Schock, Mrs. Andrew Tschetter and Mrs. Louise Marek.

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Bottom row: l. to r. Diane Maier, Patty Helfenstein, Ione Buchholz, Sandra Weber, Sandra Rowe.

Middle row: l. to r. Patty Maier, Barbara Breitmeyer, Bonnie Maier, Margaret Retzer, Debra Meidinger, Linda Martel.

Top row: l. to r. Sheryl Weber, Cheryl Meidinger, Doris Eszlinger, Margaret Eszlinger, Geraldine Bosch, Mrs. Ervin Weber, leader.

Not shown: Susan Kretschmar.

The Junior American Legion Auxiliary Unit of the Frank Piper Post No. 53 was organized on September, 1958 at the Legion Hall. It is affiliated with the Senior American Legion Auxiliary, but holds separate meetings. At the first meeting seventeen girls became members. In order to be eligible for this organization the girl must have had a father or brother who has served in World War I, World War II, or in the Korean War.

The Junior Unit was formed so that they might dedicate their services to the veterans who served in wars.

Each year Poppy Day is observed and the members of the Junior group sell poppies. The proceeds are given to disabled veterans.

The Junior Auxiliary also helps to support the child which the Senior Auxiliary adopts each year. Christmas baskets are

given to a needy family in Ashley each year at Christmas.

Every year a costume is made for a Pan-American doll. This doll is entered in a nation-wide contest.

Some of the other activities are making favors each month for the hospital, Christmas carolling, making poppy posters, taking part in the Memorial Day services, and many other community activities.

The Junior Auxiliary meets the second Tuesday of each month. There are programs at each meeting, discussions of different projects which can be done, and entertainment. The present adult leader is Mrs. Ervin Weber. Previous adult leaders were Mrs. Albert Weisser and Mrs. ElRoy Walker. Present officers are: president, Margaret Eszlinger; vice-president, Geraldine Bosch; secretary, Barbara Breitmeyer; treasurer, Susan Kretschmar; reporter, Doris Eszlinger; chaplain, Patricia Maier; sergeant-at-arms, Bonnie Maier.

McINTOSH COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY



First Row seated, left to right, Mrs. Oscar Erlenbusch, Mrs. John Steinwandt, Lydia Weber, Mrs. Ervin Sackmann, Treas., Mrs. Tom Bischke, President, Mrs. E. E. Wiedmann, Vice Pres., Mrs. B. E. Kretschmar, Sec'y, Victoria Robinson.

Second Row, left to right, Mrs. F. F. Bender, Mrs. Martin Bertsch, Mrs. Walter Hoerth, Mrs. Ernest Oberlander, Mrs. Adolph Schumacher, Mrs. R. J. Bendewald, Mrs. Leonard Roeszler, Mrs. Vivian Meidinger, Mrs. Marvin Kessel, Mrs. Les Laudon, Mrs. John Pfahl, Mrs. Max Wishek, Jr.

Third Row, left to right, Mrs. August Thurn, Mrs. Fred F. Wolf, Mrs. Reinhold Spitzer, Mrs. Ed Rau, Mrs. Rudy Ehley, Mrs. Andy Sackmann, Mrs. Kenneth Lynn, Mrs. Albert Maier, Mrs. John Huether.

Fourth Row, left to right, Mrs. Oscar Baumann, Mrs. Marcin Lehr, Mrs. Ted Bollinger, Mrs. Richard Klipfel, Mrs. H. H.

Jenner, Mrs. J. O. Dockter, Mrs. Emil Spitzer, Mrs. Walter Doerr.

Top Row, standing, left to right, Mrs. Jacob Rothfusz, Mrs. Julius Retzer, Mrs. Ted Schock, Mrs. Adolph Thurn, Mrs. Ted Bauer, Mrs. Andy Kessel, Mrs. William Baumann.

Members not pictured; Mrs. Arthur J. Bertsch, Mrs. G. C. Bietz, Mrs. William Dobler, Mrs. Walter Froh, Mrs. Eddie Glur, Mrs. Aaron Haas, Mrs. Ed Harak, Mrs. G. H. Hernett, Mrs. Christ Klipfel, Maggie Klipfel, Mrs. Reinhold Kramlich, Mrs. Edwin Neu, Mrs. Ludwig Reuther, Mrs. Willis Roeszler, Mrs. Andrew Schauer, Mrs. B. J. Schnabel, Mrs. Johanna Schock, Mrs. Ben Steinhaus, Mrs. Gottlieb Thurn, Mrs. William Thurn, Mrs. John Tschetter, Mrs. Jacob Woeszner, Mrs. Martha Wolf, Mrs. Emma Weissner, Mrs. Max Wishek, Sr., Mrs. Leo Geiger, Mrs. Alvina Klipfel.

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McINTOSH COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

Eleven years ago a new organization for women was born. With the building of the McIntosh County Memorial Hospital in progress, the women gathered November 29, 1951, to form what is now the McIntosh County Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. Five women representing five churches were named as the nominating committee. On December 6, 1961, Lydia Weber was elected the first president of the Hospital Auxiliary. Other officers were Mrs. Marvin Kessel, vice president; Mrs. Kenneth Lynn, treasurer; and Mrs. G. H. Hernett, secretary.

Regular monthly meetings are held the second Monday of each month. In the beginning, the meetings were held in the home economics room of the grade school. The Ashley Public Library was also used. All meetings are now held in the conference room of the hospital since the new wing to the hospital has been completed.

The members worked hard and diligently through the years finding ways and means of helping the local hospital. Various methods have been used and undertaken to earn money for the hospital. Some of the activities were: serving for Pancake Day, Memorial Day dinners, whist parties, vanishing teas, parcel post sales, variety show, apron project, miles of pennies and bake sales. Members are contributing clothing to a rummage sale managed by Mrs. Wm. Dobler, proceeds of which are given to the Hospital Auxiliary.

Affairs that are now held annually are the Hospital Tea in May and the Palm Sunday Inter-denominational Program. Since 1953, another annual activity is the fall ingathering in which every family in Ashley and rural areas is able to participate.

From these labors, the Auxiliary, through the years, has given \$12,645.00 to the hospital. The first year alone, \$3,600.00 was given.

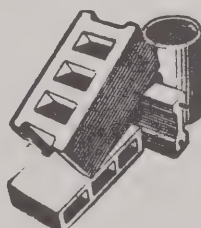
Many a gown, pajama and robe have been either made or mended by the Auxiliary. Magazines are collected and given to the hospital for the use of the patients. During the year, appropriate favors are received by the patients. Puppets

are made and given to children patients who stay overnight in the hospital. Story books are also given.

Gifts, usually at Christmas, are given to the hospital. A food blender, ice crusher, radio, electric coffee urn, drapes, pictures, bed rails, bedside step stools and baby clothing are just a few of the gifts received by the hospital. In 1962, a porta-lift was presented with monies from the memorial fund sponsored by the Auxiliary. Two blood banks were sponsored by the Auxiliary. In 1962, they participated in the typing of the blood for the hospital's walking blood bank. The Auxiliary members assisted with the polio clinic given in Ashley.

Another worthwhile project undertaken by the Auxiliary is a Licensed Practical Nurse scholarship in the amount of \$400.00. The candidate is given an opportunity to be educated and trained at an accredited school or hospital. As of now two local girls have received the scholarship.

From the foregoing it is evident that the Auxiliary has done much in furtherance of the benevolent services connected with the operation of the McIntosh County Memorial Hospital, and will continue in this most worthy endeavor for so long as the recipients exist.



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RED CROSS HOME NURSING CLASS

Left to right, Back Row — Mrs. Pauline Eszlinger, Mrs. Esther Eszlinger, Mrs. Olivia Schaffer, Mrs. Edna Ritter, Mrs. Olga Dobler, Mrs. Hildegard Iszler.

Front Row, left to right — Mrs. Emelia Nitschke, Mrs.

Anna Jenner, Mrs. Marcella Bauman, Instructor Mrs. Bertha Schaeffer, Mrs. Hildegard Weisser, Mrs. Katherine Schock, Mrs. Viola Gohl.

Mrs. Edna Schlepp was not present.

On September 13, 1917 the McIntosh County Chapter of the American Red Cross was organized. During 1917 and 1918 the county chapter presented those who entered the military service in the World War with comfort kits. They also contributed clothing, money and bedding. The Red Cross Chapter helped during the flu epidemic in the fall of 1918. The Red Cross Chapter is not as active as in the years past. A drive is conducted each year and the money contributed is disbursed between the American National Red Cross and the McIntosh County Red Cross Chapter. The fields of activity now include First Aid and Water Safety, Home Nursing, Home Service, and help as needed in disasters. The officers at the present time are Reinhold Kramer, Red Cross Chairman, Oswald Weisser, Home Service Chairman, Mrs. Paul Scherman, in charge of the branch at Wishek, North Dakota and Lydia Weber, Treasurer. Miss Weber has been treasurer of the Red Cross for about twenty years. Several courses in first aid and home nursing have been given in recent years, the last one being conducted by Mrs. Richard Schaeffer.

Mr. Kramer has been an excellent president and Oswald Weisser has done a splendid job with the home service. Reinhold Kramer has been president of the McIntosh County Red Cross since 1951.

The McIntosh County Red Cross sponsored training for two home nursing instructors in 1962.

The Red Cross home nursing course was conducted by Mrs. Richard Schaeffer during March of 1962. Thirteen ladies in the community completed this course and were awarded certificates. This was for 14 hours of instructions on the care of the sick and injured under adverse conditions in the home and in case of disaster.

ED'S REPAIR SHOP

In 1920, Max Kelber erected a building and started a General Merchandise Store a short time thereafter. Mr. Kelber had been in Ashley for some time prior to that operating a cream station. Members of the family assisted Mr. Kelber in the operation of his business. In 1937 needed improvements and additions were built that added to the appearance and size of the building.

Then on December 6, 1945, Karl G. Kramer purchased the store from the Kelbers. On March 28, 1947, Karl G. Kramer sold out to Ludwig Schlabsz, who operated the store until January 1954 when he closed out his merchandise.

He then sold the building to Edwin Glaesmann in January 1954, who remodeled the place for an auto repair shop. This he calls Ed's Repair Shop where he does motor tune-up, brake and starter and generator work and also wheel balancing, aligning, and sells parts.

THE THIMBLE BEE



*Back Row—Vivian Meidinger, Mrs. Kenneth Lynn, Mrs. H. H. Jenner, Mrs. Leo Cohen, Mrs. Andrew Sackmann.
Front Row—Lydia Weber, Mrs. J. O. Dockter, Mrs. Marvin*

*Kessel, Mrs. Mildred Johnson, Mrs. Victoria Robinson.
Not pictured—Mrs. Henry H. Huether Jr., Bertha Schauer, Mrs. G. H. Hernett, Mrs. Jennie Ruemmele.*



*Charter Members of the Thimble Bee
Back Row—Mrs. Addie Marlett—Mrs. Robert Linn
Front Row—Mrs. Florence Beveridge—Mrs. Claire Johnson.*

The Society, an aid to the Methodist Church of Ashley, was organized in October, 1897, and was the first church aid to be formed in McIntosh County. The first meeting was called by Mrs. Claire Johnson at her home. Charter members were Madams Johnson, Marlatt, Gulack, Ball, Farley, Wishek, Hattie Linn, Hammond, Carpenter, Miles and Nellie Carpenter and Marion Farley. Much work was done by the Thimble Bee to further the work of the Methodist Church. Owing to the fact that many Methodist families moved away from here the church was finally closed. The former Methodist Church now houses the Ashley Public Library. Altho no longer a Methodist organization the Thimble Bee is very much in existence. Through the years members from other churches have been taken into this group so it is now inter-denominational. At the present time the Thimble Bee has fourteen members, as follows: Mrs. H. H. Jenner, President, Mrs. Henry H. Huether Jr., Vice President, Mrs. Victoria Robinson, Sec'y-

Treasurer, and Bertha Schauer, Mrs. G. H. Hernett, Mrs. Andrew Sackmann, Mrs. Kenneth Lynn, Vivian Meidinger, Mrs. Jennie Ruemmele, Mrs. Mildred Johnson, Mrs. Leo Cohen, Mrs. J. O. Dockter, Lydia Weber and Mrs. Marvin Kessel. The Thimble Bee celebrated its 65th birthday in October of this year at the home of Mrs. G. H. Hernett. Programs of religion are given at each meeting, the collection is voluntary dues, twenty five cents each, and much good is done with the little money collected to promote good will and bring a little happiness to those few they are able to help. Each member is asked to give a program once a year and also to have the meeting in her home once a year. One handicapped person, Mildred Otterstetter, has been remembered by the Thimble Bee for more than 25 years, being remembered at Christmas time and her birthday with a small monetary gift. In recent years Loran Keim has also been remembered by the group. The Old Peoples Home at Arthur, North Dakota is remembered each Christmas with Christmas and all-occasion cards, handkerchiefs and stamps so they in turn can remember other people at this time of the year. Since the completion of the hospital in Ashley, it has been the policy of the Thimble Bee to give the Easter favors to the hospital. Altho such a small group, they feel they play an important role in our community.

The members in the Thimble Bee number fourteen at the present time. This is a closed membership and only fourteen can belong. This closed membership is to allow the members to continue their meetings in their own homes.

The Thimble Bee also remembers all former members of the club who have moved away from here. Each year at Christmas time a card and letter is mailed to the members telling them of the activities of the Thimble Bee throughout the year. In this way they keep in touch with former members, as many of them do answer the letters that are mailed out to them.

CUB SCOUT PACK NO. 21



Back Row left to right: Paul Bischke, Terry Roeszler, Steven Maier, Randy Salzer, Michael Kessel, John Kretschmar, Jeffrey Jenner, Curtis Weisser, Ronald Bendewald.

Third Row: Vaughn Dobler, Richard Thurn, Delbert Buchholz, Jerry Jeske, Errol Meidinger, Wayne Walth, Ronald Laudon, Steven Rowe, Vincent Salzer.

Second Row: Albert Maier, Committee Member; Kenneth Schnabel, Jerome Kappes, Ray Vefik, David Iszler, Kirby Martz,

Daniel Brown, Gayle Dobler, Edmund Walth, Committee Member.

Front Row: Reinhold Bendewald, Institutional Representative; Oswald H. Weisser, Cubmaster; Mrs. Albert Iszler, Den-mother; Mrs. Dale R. Brown, Den-mother; Mrs. Gideon G. Dobler, Den-mother; David Helmer, Secretary and Treasurer; William E. Meidinger, Chairman of the Committee.

Not Pictured: Michael Schauer and Richard Walker.

Cub Scout Pack #21 came into being under the sponsorship of the Ashley Lions Club in 1949. The Charter Officers were as follows: Officer of the Institution, W. Bender; Institutional Representative, B. F. Heitzmann; Chairman of the Committee, Gail H. Hernett; Member of the Committee, D. O. Turner; Cubmaster, Fred Merkel; Assistant Cubmaster, Don Carleton; Den Mother, Mrs. Gail H. Hernett. Twelve boys were registered, namely: Gary Ehley, Richard Grosz, Willis Heinrich, Paul Heitzmann, Charles Hernett, Arthur Jenner, Glenn Kessel, Kenneth Klipfel, James Merkel, Dennis Schnabel, Charles Weisser and Paul Weber.

Cub Scouting is for boys from 8 to 10 years of age. They join with other Cub Scouts to form a den of two to eight boys. Each den chooses one of its members to be a denner, or leader. Parents of Cub Scouts serve as den mothers and den dads. They help the boys with games, hobbies, and other activities. An older boy who is a Boy Scout or an Explorer serves as den chief, and helps the den mother and dad. Several dens join together to form a Pack, led by an adult cubmaster. Packs usually meet once a month in some public building, such as a school house or church.

A Cub Scout learns various skills and develops hobbies. He learns how to keep himself healthy and strong. He also learns handicrafts of all kinds, makes scrapbooks and collects stamps, leaves, coins and other things.

Bobcat is the first rank in the Cub Scouts. A boy must learn the Cub Scout sign, salute, motto, and promise, and learn the Law of the Pack. He may then become a Bobcat and wear the blue uniform of the Cub Scouts. The Cub Scout

motto is "Do your best." The Promise is as follows: "I, (name) promise to do my best to do my duty to God and my country, to be square and obey the Law of the Pack." The Law of the Pack states:

"The Cub Scout follows Akela.

"The Cub Scout helps the pack go.

"The pack helps the Cub Scout grow.

"The Cub Scout gives good will."

Wolf, Bear, Lion and Webelos. A Bobcat becomes a Wolf when he learns 12 Wolf skills. These skills include saluting the flag, using tools correctly, cooking, swimming, and making collections of stamps, coins or other articles. By continuing his interest in the Cub Scouts and developing new skills, he becomes a Bear when he is 9 years old, and a Lion when he is 10. He usually earns his Webelos rank, the highest rank in the Cub Scouts, when he reaches the age of 10½. The name Webelos comes from the words wolf, bear and lion (the Cub Scout ranks) and the word Scout. At the age of 11 a Cub Scout will leave the Cub Scouts and join a Boy Scout Troop.

Present Officers are: Reinhold Bendewald, Institutional Representative; Chairman of the Committee, William E. Meidinger; Secretary and Treasurer, David Helmer; Members of the Committee, Albert Maier and Edmund Walth; Cubmaster Oswald H. Weisser; Den mothers, Mrs. Dale R. Brown, Mrs. Gideon G. Dobler, and Mrs. Albert Iszler.

Since the original charter this pack was registered every year except 1951. Total boys registered during the years are 259 of which 31 are registered this year.

GOLD STAR SADDLE CLUB



Left to Right

Back Row: Delbert Eszlinger, Alton Nitschke, Jerry Wagner, Earl Schneider, Allen Nitschke, Harry Nitschke, Roger Nitschke, Melvin Blumhardt, Roger Haupt.

Next Row: Mr. and Mrs. James Gross, Barbara Eszlinger, Marvin Goettle, Pete Goettle, Edwin Haupt.

Next Row: Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Nitschke, and Donna, Elaine Nitschke, Bette Mae Nitschke, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nitschke, Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Roth.

Next Row: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Glur, Clifford Reuther, Mr. and

Mrs. Edwin Neu, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eszlinger, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wetzel and Clyde.

Next Row: Mr. and Mrs. Roland Nitschke, August Nitschke, Gary Feil, Marvin Feil, Mr. and Mrs. Reinie Feil, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Schneider, and Susan.

Next Row: Shirlene Nitschke, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Eszlinger, Edward Werre, Gerry Glur, Kenneth Nitschke, Ralph Neu, Steve Neu, Mike Goettle, Randy Schneider, Mary Lou Eszlinger, Patricia Goettle, Gwendolyn Wetzel.

Many a discussion was held by horse lovers in regards to having some form of organization. On February 16, 1962, farmers, businessmen and professional men assembled at the court house to discuss the organization of a saddle club. At this meeting the importance of an organization was discussed and also the purpose of a saddle club. A. F. Bosch, county agent, presided at the meeting. A temporary committee was named to study the project further. Those named on the committee were: Reinie Feil, Edwin Neu, and Dennis Schock.

Another meeting was called on April 16, at which meeting a sufficient number of members had already signed up to organize a club, and it was decided to set up some form of constitution and by-laws. The following directors named at this meeting were: Peter Goettle, Edwin Neu, Reinie Feil, Harry Nitschke, and Dennis Schock.

At the board of directors meeting May 5, Reinie Feil was named President, Harry Nitschke, Vice President, and A. F. Bosch, Secretary, Treasurer.

The name of the Gold Star Saddle Club was formally adopted at a meeting held May 28.

In the July meeting the by-laws and constitution of the Gold Star Saddle Club were adopted.

Two trail rides were held during the year, plus several get-togethers on Sunday afternoons by Club members.

One horse show was put on for the public. A riding arena was built in the fall at Lake Hoskins.

The Saddle Club took part in the parade on Kraze Daze, held in June. The saddle club also did the police work at the State Plowing Contest held at Ashley in the fall of 62.

At the end of the year there were thirty-nine members that had joined the Gold Star Saddle Club.

ASHLEY LAUNDROMAT

The Ashley Laundromat was opened in October, 1959 by H. A. Oletzke of Lisbon, N. Dak. It was closed January 1st, 1961 and reopened April 1st by Mr. and Mrs. Virold Moeckel. Presently installed are 12 automatic washers, 4 large dryers. Soft water and plenty of hot water are part of the convenience. In December of 1962, two Westinghouse dry cleaning machines were installed. It is a do-it-yourself drycleaning—done in only 45 minutes.

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GOLDEN CIRCLE HOMEMAKERS



Top row — left to right: Mrs. John Salzer, Jr., Vice President; Mrs. Otto Rasch, Mrs. Carrold Spitzer, Treasurer; Mrs. Milton Walz, President; Mrs. Roger Haupt, Program Chairman.

Bottom row — Mrs. Edmund Walth, Mrs. LeRoy Bendewald, Mrs. Milbert Bauer, Secretary.

Those not pictured — Mrs. Kenneth Silvernagel and Mrs. Don Geiszler.

The Golden Circle Homemakers was organized in April of 1959 with 11 members. The charter members are: Mrs. Milbert Bauer, Mrs. LeRoy Bendewald, Mrs. Clayton Bertsch, Mrs. Martin Groszhans, Mrs. Milton Heinrich, Mrs. Don Irion, Mrs. Roger Krueger, Mrs. Virolde Moeckel, Mrs. Carrold Spitzer, Mrs. George Waliser, and Mrs. John Salzer, Jr.

zer, Mrs. George Waliser, and Mrs. John Salzer, Jr.

Honorary members of the club are Mrs. Roger Krueger, Mrs. Clayton Bertsch, Mrs. Don Irion, Mrs. Paul Spitzer, Mrs. Milton Heinrich, Mrs. Martin Groszhans, and Mrs. George Waliser.

The purpose of this organization is (a) to study and put into practice the best information on various phases of homemaking; (b) to promote desirable community life.

The club holds one regular meeting each month. Major and miscellaneous projects submitted by the North Dakota Extension Service are given each month by appointed project leaders.

Some of the activities the club has participated in are as follows: monetary and miscellaneous donations to the local hospital; charitable works to individuals in the community, and contribution to the March of Dimes. Funds are raised through the means of monthly dues and candy and bake sales.

COMPLIMENTS OF



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ASHLEY JR. HOMEMAKERS CLUB



Front row (left to right) Mrs. Andrew F. Bosch, Mrs. Ervin Weber, Mrs. Clarence Salzer, Mrs. Raymond Baumann, Mrs. Clifford Jeske.
Back row (left to right) Mrs. Oscar Erlenbusch, Mrs. Eugene

Bertsch, Mrs. Elroy Walker, and Mrs. Oscar Martz.

Not present were: Mrs. Ray Giedt, Mrs. Myron Ehley and Mrs. Leo Geiger.

THE ASHLEY GOLF CLUB

On a cold day in March 1961, twenty-four enthusiastic golfers met in the Lions Den and organized the Ashley Golf Club. To this non-profit organization they elected Myron Rau, Pres.; Tom Bischke, Second Vice Pres.; Albert Golz, first Vice Pres.; Leonard Roeszler, Sec'y. and Marvin Kessel, Treas. By-Laws were adopted and after considering many possible sites, a ten year lease was obtained from the Ashley Fair Board for a piece of ground, formerly known as the fair grounds, west of Ashley. Seeding was done in the fall and the following summer work began in earnest. Volunteer workers dug the greens, hauled the clay and sand, and by August of the same year the course was ready for play.

A building was purchased from the Ashley School Board to be used for storage and a club house.

The sincere efforts of this group have added another recreational facility to our community to be enjoyed by young and old alike.

LIST OF CHARTER MEMBERS

Myron Rau, Adolph Thurn, Reinie Bendewald, Leonard Roeszler, Albert Golz, Dr. Leo Cohen, Marvin Kessel, Tom Bischke, Milton Schauer, Walter Froh, Edwin Kramer, Floyd Schock, Wayne Rowe, Max A. Wishek, Albert Maier, Dennis Schock, A. H. Kessel, H. H. Jenner, G. H. Hernet, Gott. Heinrich, Rev. J. Kammerer, Les Laudon, Gideon Dobler, Dwight Roll, Reinie Feil, Bruce Kretschmar and Ludwig Schlabz.

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Second Row: Mary Cohen, Dawn Marie Dobler, Leona Schaeffer, Jessica Dobler, Charlotte Wagner.

Bottom Row: Mrs. Gideon Dobler, leader since 1955, Karen

Dobler, leader since 1961 and member for ten years, Jean Marzolf, Margaret Kammerer, Janet Dobler, Judy Kammerer, Mrs. John Pfahl who was leader from 1947-1955.

Elaine Brinkman and Wanda Bertsch are not pictured.

Mrs. Grant Beveridge was leader from 1947-1961.

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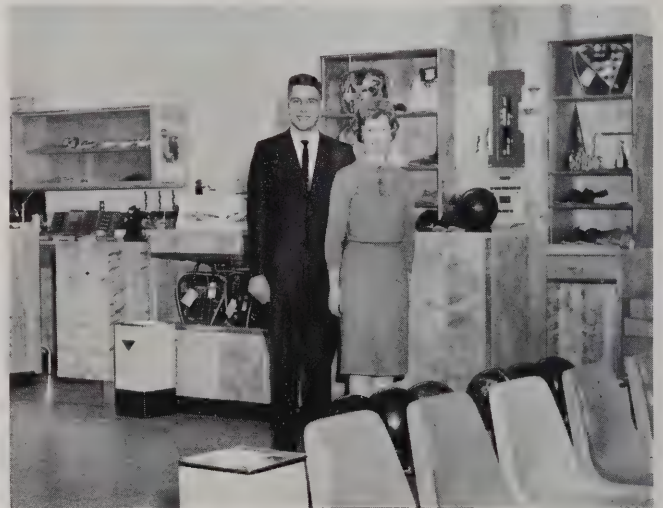
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ASHLEY LANES

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ASHLEY-VENTURIA MINISTERS' FELLOWSHIP

Why there was never a ministers' fellowship before, no one knows. But after the Rev. Paul Lemke arrived in the fall of 1959 and discovered there was no fellowship among the local ministers, he determined that when the vacancy in the Reformed Church was filled that he would invite all the ministers to a reception for the new Reformed pastor at his home. He later admitted that this was done partly because he also wanted to meet the other pastors. This reception was held February 25, 1960. At that time one of the ministers remarked, "This is wonderful; we ought to get together more often." Thus, the idea of a Ministers' Fellowship group was born.

The first meeting was held April 25, 1960, at which the Rev. Elmer Sprunk, EUB Church pastor, was elected Moderator, and the Rev. Thomas A. Beech, pastor of the Reformed Church was elected Secretary-Treasurer. They served until May, 1961 when the Rev. Mr. Beech was elected Moderator, and the Rev. Ervin Groth, Lutheran Church pastor, Secretary-Treasurer. The Rev. Mr. Groth moved the same summer and was replaced by the Rev. Paul Lemke, of the First Baptist Church in office. In May, 1962, the Rev. Orville Meth, Ventura Baptist Church pastor was elected Moderator and the Rev. Clarence Knoepfle, EUB Church, Secretary-Treasurer. When the Rev. Mr. Meth moved that summer, the Rev. Mr. Knoepfle was elected Moderator and the Rev. John Kammerer, Lutheran Church pastor, Secretary-Treasurer. At the time of this writing the latter are still in office.

In addition to the Christian fellowship among themselves, the group has cooperated in several community-wide endeavors. It has sponsored each year the World Day of Prayer service, cooperated with the Ashley Hospital Women's Auxiliary in the Community Palm Sunday program, and sponsored religious movies at Reformation Day Rallies and at other times.

In the years to come it is hoped that the Fellowship will take the lead in promoting the religious good health of the community through mutual projects and cooperation.



MINISTERIAL FELLOWSHIP

Left to right — Dr. Paul Lemke, Rev. C. Knoepfle, Rev. John Kammerer, Rev. Isador Faszer, Rev. Thomas Beech.

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ASHLEY ASSEMBLY OF GOD

In 1939, Rev. and Mrs. Peter Heinisch and family came from St. Louis, Missouri to serve a church in Wishek, North Dakota and the Ebenezer church which was located 17 miles south of Ashley. They settled in Ashley in order to be more centrally located. There was no meeting place in Ashley at the time, so a small building was purchased and moved to town, and a church was organized the following year, 1940.

After 5 years, the Rev. Heinischs moved to Fontana, California. During their absence of 9 years the following pastors served: Rev. C. S. Stoudt 1944-49, Rev. Daniel Wagner 1949-52, Missionary Emil Schneiders—6 months.

Rev. P. Heinisch returned to Ashley December 6, 1953. The local congregation desired a larger place of Worship, so the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Danzig was purchased in 1954. A full basement was excavated. Rev. Heinisch, adept at construction work, did most of the masonry work himself, and the church was moved to its present location, two blocks east of the Zion Lutheran church, and was dedicated October 4, 1954. Next to it, the residence of the late Edward Layer was purchased to serve as parsonage. Rev. Heinisch served as pastor until his death in February, 1955.

The church extended a call to Rev. and Mrs. George Rueb of Medina, North Dakota who accepted the call in September 4, 1955.

During their 7 years of Ministry, two churches were founded.

The Ashley Assembly of God served as a mother church, through whose activity the congregations were organized such as Herreid and Java, South Dakota. They also served Ellendale



Reverend and Mrs. George Rueb

as an outstation. November 25, 1956 Rev. Rueb started a German Radio Program over K.A.B.R. which has proven to be a great blessing to the German-speaking people. The program is still in progress at present over K.S.D.N. Aberdeen.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

The W.M.C. was organized August 11, 1959 under the direction of Rev. George Rueb. The first officers were the following, Mrs. George Rueb (Pres.), Mrs. Willie Eszlinger (V. Pres.), Mrs. Edmund Bentz (Treas.), Mrs. Al Bloch (Sec'y.). "We minister as unto Christ", is the W.M.C.'s motto. The purpose of this ministry is to pray and contribute to the following areas: Foreign and Home Mission, Benevolences, district and local needs.

In the past year the group has distributed 75 lbs. of Gospel Literature and 35 lbs of clothing to Indian Reservations. Packages of clothing and miscellaneous items have been sent to Egypt orphanage, Hillcrest and Alaskan children homes, Bethel camp, Leper colony, Foreign and Local Mission needs; also hospital visitations are made once a month. The present officers are Mrs. Willie Eszlinger (Pres.), Mrs. George Rueb (V. Pres.), Mrs. Edmund Bentz (Treas.), Mrs. Adolph Rueb (Sec'y.).

CHRIST AMBASSADORS

The Ashley C.A. was organized September 4, 1960 under the direction of Rev. George Rueb.

First officers were Mrs. Adolph Rueb (Pres.), Lavern Bentz (V. Pres.), Ruth Rueb (Sec'y. Treas.).

PURPOSE OF THE C.A.

The Christ Ambassadors are an integral part of the German Branch and shall work in close harmony with the officary of the German Branch. Their activities shall be to the edifying of the Body of Christ and the work of the church as a whole. It shall serve to bring closer harmony and fellowship among our groups and with unified effort assume projects for the advancement of the Kingdom of God.

The present officers are Betty Werre (Pres.), Ermalene Bentz (V. Pres.), Adaline Werre (Sec'y.-Treas.). As successor to the Ashley and Wishek Assembly of God Churches, Rev. Reinhold Mueller from Calgary, Alberta, Canada accepted the call February 14, 1963.

THE ASHLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



Congregation at the morning service of January 27, 1963.

The early beginnings of the Ashley Baptist Church grew out of a somewhat involved development. It began with an organizational meeting at the Long Lake, South Dakota, school building on July 25, 1896, when 85 members separated themselves from the Berlin Church to found a new church in their immediate vicinity, known then as the Jewell Baptist Church.

At Ashley, the First Baptist Church was built in the year 1902 and became affiliated as a station with the Danzig Church, now known as the First Baptist Church, Wishek, N. Dak. However, on February 21, 1912 the Church of Jewell, together with Ventura, Wishek, and Eureka, reorganized themselves since the fields were too large for the necessary pastoral service. As a result Ashley became a self-sustaining Church with Jewell as its station. After a time the Jewell station purchased the original church building from Ashley who then built a stately church edifice in 1917 at a cost of \$6,100.00, and the present parsonage in 1919 at an approximate cost of \$8,000.00.

From the time of the reorganization in 1912, the Ashley church grew and gradually came to be the main center of our Baptist work in this area. For a good many years the Ashley church shared its interest and concern with her two stations, Jewell and Johannestal. However, with the decline of population in the rural communities of recent years the congregation at the stations became so weak numerically that it was necessary to consolidate the work. With this merger came the need for larger and better facilities. Thus

plans for a new church building were formulated and on May 30, 1960 the last service was conducted in the old church. The following day dismantling was begun and four days later it was completed. On June 10, the National Building Company of Fargo, N. Dak. who contracted the job began excavation. By the good providence of God, the capable supervision of the contractors and the full support of the people, the present structure was ready for dedication on November 13, 1960, only five months after construction began. This impressive edifice with a beautiful sanctuary seating 380 people and a functional educational unit providing facilities for at least 150 people was erected at a cost of approximately \$122,000.00.

While the church had always been very active, yet, in the last 25 years it became more conscious of its stewardship responsibilities. The Sunday School has been reorganized into closely graded classes similar to those of our public schools. The Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship is functioning on a weekly basis, rather than monthly. The Mixed Choir serves regularly at the Sunday Morning Worship services and the Men's Choir began only recently to provide the music for the Sunday evening services. The Tabitha Society, the Men's Brotherhood and the Junior Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship are recent additions to the organizational structure of the church and are rendering an appreciated ministry.

The Ashley Baptist Church looks back over the years from 1938-1963 with a deep sense of gratitude to God for

THE ASHLEY BAPTIST CHURCH — cont'd

the opportunities and blessings which have been ours.

It was our privilege for some time to be, numerically, the largest church of our Dakota Conference; to be host to the Dakota Conference in 1958 at the occasion of its 50th Anniversary; to see nine of its young people enter into the Gospel Ministry: Helen (Fischer) Ehman, Alvin Fischer, LaVerne (Fischer) Haas, Esther (Fischer) Hoffman, Raymond Hoffman, Herbert Schauer, Stanley Schauer, Leota (Weisser) Stading, and Iver Walker; have approximately 58 young men from its families serve in the armed services; and contri-

bute in money approximately \$158,500.00. Nearly \$55,000.00 of this was given for missions and about \$103,500.00 was spent locally.

Five pastors served the church: Rev. W. J. Luebeck, 1932-1945; Rev. Walter Stein, 1945-1950; Rev. J. J. Renz, 1951-1953; Rev. A. W. Bibleheimer, 1954-1962; Rev. Isador Faszer 1962-.

Presently our church has a Sunday School enrollment of 300, with 30 teachers. The church membership stands at 318.

COMMISSIONED BAPTIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP



Back row, left to right: Mrs. Viold Moeckel, senior group counselor; Lars Roth, Theodore Faszer, Della Vossler, Glenn Klein, Gary Vossler, Timothy Faszer, Raymond Heupel, Kenneth Hoerth, Rev. Isador Faszer.

Second row: Mrs. Curtis Walther, junior group counselor; Diana Schock, Judy Arlt, Delores Heupel, Cheryl Meidinger,

Nancy Schock, Esther Heupel, Sandra Bertsch, Marie Klein, Joyce Giedt.

First row: Larry Weisser, James Goehring, Wayne Bertsch, Jane Giedt, Wanda Bertsch, Deborah Meidinger, Karen Goehring, Frances Fischer, Emma Heupel.

THE ASHLEY BAPTIST MEN'S CHOIR



Back row, left to right: Berthold J. Schnabel, Edward Schauer, Reuben Nies, Martin Bertsch, Orvil Fischer, Eugene Bertsch, Jacob Wagemann, Rev. Isador Faszer, director.

Second row, left to right: Albert Goehring, Darwin Wolf, Adolph Knoll, Oscar J. Bertsch, Roonie E. Bertsch, Reinhold

K. Bertsch, Adolph Arlt, Enoch Roth.

First row, left to right: Emil Delzer, Carl Fischer, Oswald Fischer, Ferdinand Vossler, Gideon Goehring, Benny Nies, Martin J. Goehring, Albert Schauer, Emanuel Fischer.

THE ASHLEY BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR

The Choir has been an organization of the church for many years, but only during the past nine years has the Choir had a part in every Sunday morning worship service. At the present time the Choir renders two anthems during

every morning worship service as well as presenting two or more special programs of music every year. Rehearsal is held every Wednesday night.



Back row, left to right: Edward Schauer, LeRoy Goehring, Gary Vossler, Emil Delzer, Martin Bertsch, Gideon Goehring, Edwin J. Goehring, Ferdinand Vossler, Tim Faszer, Ted Faszer.

Second row, left to right: Tom Bertsch, Tracy Schock, Mrs. Theo. Schock, Mrs. Edward Schauer, Mrs. Henry Heupel, Mrs. Emil Delzer, Mrs. LeRoy Goehring, Mrs. Emil A. Saylor,

Lars Roth, Robert Bertsch, Kenneth Hoerth.

Front row, left to right: Mrs. Wm. C. Giedt, director; Mrs. Curtis Walther, accompanist; Mrs. Wilbert Opp, Mrs. Gideon Goehring, Sandra Bertsch, Nancy Schock, Cheryl Meidinger, Della Mae Vossler, Delores Heupel, Darlene Opp, Judy Arlt, Diane Schock, Mrs. I. A. Faszer, Rev. I. A. Faszer, pastor.

TABITHA SOCIETY OF THE ASHLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



Second row, left to right: Mrs. John Pfahl, Mrs. Curtis Walther, Mrs. Oscar Bertsch, Mrs. Eugene Bertsch, Mrs. Wm. C. Giedt.

Front row, left to right: Mrs. Walter Doerr, Mrs. Theo.

Schock, Mrs. Wilbert Opp, Mrs. Enoch Roth, Mrs. Emil A. Saylor, Mrs. I. A. Faszer.

Not pictured: Mrs. Orvil Fischer, Mrs. Ferdinand Vossler, Mrs. John A. Bertsch, and Mrs. Gilbert Buchholz.

TABITHA SOCIETY OF THE ASHLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

A group of ladies of the Ashley Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. John Pfahl on August 24, 1954, for the purpose of organizing a society for the younger ladies of the church. A constitution was written and adopted, with the name of Tabitha, as recorded in Acts 9:36, as the name of this organization.

The purpose of this organization was to cultivate a missionary spirit among women of our society, by encouraging prayer, evangelism, knowledge of world missionary needs and christian stewardship of time, talent and money.

The society meets every third Tuesday of the month. Each meeting consists of a devotional period, recording of sick calls and business transactions, a missionary emphasis and a program topic. The hostess of the month is delegated

to write a letter to our missionary, in addition to her duties as hostess.

The society has been host to missionary teas, special missionary meetings, banquets and receptions. A Girls Guild was sponsored by this group for several years. Donations of supplies and money have flowed to our church affiliated institutions, Crystal Springs Camp and the mission fields at home and abroad. Dinnerware and flatware were purchased for the kitchen of the new church in 1960, as well as donations for carpeting and other areas of the sanctuary. Older members and friends of the church are remembered in a special way at Christmas time, with visits and gifts of food.

The present membership is fifteen. Officers are: president, Mrs. Wm. C. Giedt; vice-president, Mrs. Enoch Roth; secretary, Mrs. Curtis Walther; treasurer, Mrs. John Pfahl.

THE ASHLEY BAPTIST MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

The Men's Brotherhood of the Ashley Baptist Church was organized on January 14, 1957. As objective, it seeks to promote interest in Bible study and to develop Christian growth and fellowship.

The officers of this organization when organized were as follows: president, Reuben Nies; vice-president, Martin Bertsch; secretary, Ephraim Schrenk; treasurer, Edwin J. Goehring.

This organization has provided opportunity for men to render a vital Christian ministry locally, as well as in more

distant areas. On a number of occasions the men have assisted in making improvements in the church and the parsonage. Used clothing has been collected and sent to the needy. Then, too, a regular contribution is made to support Dr. Peter Fehr, medical missionary in Cameroons, Africa, as well as to the North American Baptist Seminary scholarship fund for needy students.

Present officers are: president, Reuben Nies; vice-president, Emanuel Fischer; treasurer, Benny Nies; secretary, Edward Schauer.



Back row, left to right: August A. Bertsch, Berthold J. Schnabel, Edward Schauer, secretary; Reuben Nies, president; Jacob Wagemann, Enoch Roth.

Second row: Oswald Fischer, Emil A. Saylor, Albert Goehring, Carl Fischer, Reinhold K. Bertsch, Christian C. Fischer, Rev. Isador Faszer.

First row: Ferdinand Vossler, Gideon Goehring, Benny Nies, treasurer; Martin J. Goehring, Albert Schauer, Emanuel Fischer, vice-president.

Not pictured: Adolph K. Bertsch, Eugene Bertsch, Donald Fischer, Jacob Fink.

THE ASHLEY BAPTIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY



Back row, left to right: Mesdames Isador Faszer, John Roth, president; Carl Fischer, vice-president; Jacob Wagemann, secretary; Theodore J. Fischer, Henry Heupel, Edwin J. Goehring, Gottlieb G. Dollinger, Reuben Nies.

Second row: Mesdames Jacob J. Landsiedel, Edward Schauer, Jacob K. Fink, Emil C. Delzer, treasurer; August A.

Bertsch, Fred Klein, Philip Dollinger, Albert Schauer, Theophil Haas.

First row: Mesdames Daniel Mayer, Christian C. Fischer, Karl A. Bertsch, Jakob Weisser, Jacob Heupel, Ben Arlt, Fred J. Heupel, Emanuel Fischer.

Not pictured: Mesdames Otto Arnold, Jacob J. Hoffman, Berthold J. Schnabel.

The Ashley Baptist Woman's Missionary Society was organized on December 18, 1912, with nine members, under the leadership of Rev. C. M. Knapp, who now lives in retirement at Salem, Oregon.

The first elected officers were: president, Mrs. C. Schock; secretary, Mrs. J. Schrenk; treasurer, Mrs. J. Hildenbrand (now Allerdings).

This organization has raised thousands of dollars for missions, both at home and in foreign lands. Many boxes of good, used, clothing were sent to the needy in Europe and

thousands of rolled bandages, as well as numerous other necessary items, were sent for mission work in Africa. Various local projects have been carried out, including high school banquets, chicken suppers, improvements in the church and parsonage.

The fiftieth anniversary of this organization was observed on December 9, 1962. Present membership totals 29. Present officers are: president, Mrs. John Roth; vice-president, Mrs. Carl Fischer; treasurer, Mrs. Emil Delzer; secretary, Mrs. Jacob Wagemann.

ASHLEY EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

For 76 years, Emmanuel Evangelical United Brethren Church has served the spiritual needs of people in the Ashley vicinity. In 1887, Rev. H. Loewen visiting in the southeastern part of the county became acquainted with the families of Friederick Nies and Heinrich Klein. In 1888 the Bethesda congregation was organized with 13 charter members.

It was under the ministry of Rev. G. C. Thiele that the Emmanuel congregation was organized in the town of Ashley. Charter members included Joseph Schulz, John F. George, F. J. Meier and their wives. The first Evangelical church in Ashley was built in 1907 under the pastorate of Rev. F. J. Wacker. During the ensuing years, this church served as a "mother church" bringing about the formation of other churches in the surrounding area including: Ebenezer Church, 11 miles southwest of Wishek; the Ventura Zoar Church and the Wittenberg Church of the Kulm mission.

Rev. J. B. Happel was assigned to Ashley in 1908, fol-

lowed by Rev. E. P. Zunkel in 1912, H. Etzelmueller in 1913, F. Loewen in 1916, K. Hirning in 1917 and John Fischer in 1920. Under the ministry of F. Loewen, a congregation was organized near Danzig which became known as the "Salem Church" including the families of Gottlieb Walz, Edward Wetzel, Solomon Eszlinger, John Dobler and John Nies. In 1923, under the ministry of H. C. Lehner, the membership of the Wittenberg Church was transferred to the Ashley Evangelical Church.

Ministers in succeeding years were: A. J. Knuth (1929-1940), Karl Hochradel (1940-1941), Leon Kuch (1941-1945), C. E. Bach (1945-1951), E. A. Sprunk (1951-1961) and the present pastor, C. Knoepfle.

In 1946, through the merger of the Evangelical and United Brethren denominations, the name of the church became the "Evangelical United Brethren Church".

ASHLEY EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH — cont'd

Under the ministry of Rev. C. E. Bach, a new parsonage was built on a lot adjoining the church. In 1950 the old church was taken down and work was begun on a new structure. The following year, Rev. Elmer Sprunk was assigned to Ashley.

During the early years of his ministry the Bethesda membership was transferred to Emmanuel Church and the present church building was completed and dedicated. For the first time, all of the worship services were conducted in the English language. The ten years of his pastorate were very fruitful with increased interest and attendances eventually taxing the facilities of the new church to the utmost. A house and lot adjoining the church to the north were purchased to provide rooms for Sunday School classes and space for future expansion. At this time, the Ashley field was still a "two-point charge" with the pastor serving the Emmanuel Church and also the Salem country church. However, in 1961 the members of the Salem congregation voted to close their church and united with the town church.

Presently the congregation is laying preliminary plans for an enlarged church structure which will provide adequate facilities for the congregation's needs. Functioning within the life of the church are the following organizations: a Sunday School with 10 classes and an enrollment of 176, a Youth Fellowship, a Boys and Girls Fellowship, a Men's Organization and the Women's Society of World Service. The ladies' missionary society is the oldest organization within the church. Its origin can be traced back to 1908 when, under the leadership of Mrs. A. K. Happel, the minister's wife, a women's prayer group was organized into a "Women's Missionary Society". Through the years the organization has been active in the promotion of the missionary cause. Recently the Society was organized into the Faith and Hope Circles with a total of 34 members.

The membership of Emmanuel Church at the present time totals 143. C. Knoepfle, the present pastor, is completing the second year of service in this church.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION



Front row, left to right: Wayne Rowe, Ray Baumann, Mrs. C. Knoepfle, Miss Marietta Reuther, Mrs. Reinie Kramer, Mrs. Herbert Reuther, Rueben Nies, Jr., Harold Nies.

Second row: Clarence Salzer, Enoch Strobel, Fred Salzer,

Ray Salzer, Reinie Bendewald, Reinie Feil, Rev. C. Knoepfle.

Third row: Milton Merkel, Reinie Kramer, William Bader, Herbert Reuther, Arthur Nies, Eugene Salzer, Rueben C. Nies, Gust Blessing.

ASHLEY E.U.B. SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF



Front row, left to right: Mrs. Gottfried Harsch, Mrs. Stanley Dobler, Mrs. LeRoy Ruff, Mrs. Harold Nies, Mrs. Art Buchholz, Mrs. Rueben C. Nies.

Second row: Mrs. Bert Dollinger, Mrs. Reinie Kramer, Mrs. Enoch Strobel, Mrs. Ray Baumann, Mrs. Clarence Salzer,

Mrs. Herbert Reuther, Mrs. Milton Merkel, Mrs. Gordon Hoffman.

Third row: Rev. C. Knoepfle, Art Nies, Wm. Bader, Wayne Rowe, Reinie Feil, Herbert Reuther, Enoch Strobel, Reinie Bendewald, Ray Salzer.

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Marietta Reuther.

Second Row: Donovan Nies, David Harsch, Milton Merkel, Reinie Kramer, William Bader, Herbert Reuther, Ray Salzer, Rueben Nies, Jr., Rueben C. Nies, Rev. C. Knoepfle.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF WORLD SERVICE



Front row, left to right: Mrs. Gottlieb Iszler, Mrs. Val Neuhardt, Mrs. John Salzer, Mrs. Ed Nies, Mrs. Jake Grueneich, Mrs. Arthur Nies, Mrs. Charles Keim, Mrs. William Bader, Mrs. Jake Salzer.

Second row: Mrs. C. Knoepfle, Mrs. Gottfried Harsch, Mrs. LeRoy Ruff, Mrs. Enoch Strobel, Mrs. Ray Baumann, Mrs. Ellery Scherbenski, Mrs. Wayne Rowe, Mrs. Ray Salzer,

Mrs. Art Buchholz.

Third row: Mrs. Harold Nies, Mrs. Eugene Salzer, Mrs. Christ Maier, Mrs. Reinie Bendewald, Mrs. Bert Dollinger, Mrs. Reinie Kramer, Mrs. Clarence Salzer, Mrs. George Knoll, Mrs. Herbert Reuther, Mrs. Gordon Hoffman, and Mrs. Stanley Dobler.

ASHLEY REFORMED CHURCH



In the Spring of 1892 The Reformed Church in the United States sent the Rev. H. W. Steinecker to settle in Ashley and to serve the various groups of Reformed people in the area. Exactly when the Ashley Reformed Church was started is not known as it was already in existence when he arrived. With the coming of the Rev. Mr. Steinecker Ashley became the center of a charge from which he served at least eleven known congregations. These included Ashley (town), Sarons (NE of Long Lake), Bergdorf (S of Ashley), Friends (SW of Zeeland), Rohrbach (SE of Zeeland), Kassel (NE of Zeeland), Neu Kassel (N of Zeeland), Hoffnungstal (NE of Venturia), Neudorf (SW of Wishek), Johannestal (NW of Wishek), and Ebensfeld (near Streeter). When the congregations did not get around to building him a parsonage, he built himself a house. He also took up farming to partly sustain his temporal life. Considering the mode of transportation and the roads of those days, it is amazing the amount of work accomplished by this pioneer pastor. He was laid to rest in the Ashley Cemetery on December 22, 1929.

During the history of the Ashley Charge some of these congregations dissolved or left the charge to form new charges. Thus, Ashley became the mother of the Zeeland and Wishek Charges, and contributed in part to the Artas, S. D., and the Streeter Charges. Other churches at one time associated with the Ashley Charge were Kulm, Danzig, and Leola. From 1937 to 1954 the charge consisted of four congregations: Ashley, Hoffnungstal (moved into the town of Venturia), Sarons, and Leola. In 1954 the Sarons Church dissolved with its members joining the Ashley and Leola Churches. At the same time Leola became joined to the mission work in Aberdeen, S. D. to form another charge. The Ashley Charge presently consists only of the Ashley and Hoffnungstal Churches. Thus, the Ashley Church forms the center from which its pastors took the Word over a considerable territory to those desiring a Reformed Church.

Throughout its history the Ashley Reformed Church has been a member of the Reformed Church in the United States. When in 1940 the majority of that denomination joined the Evangelical and Reformed union (now the United Church of Christ), the Ashley congregation was counted among the minority that desired to maintain a distinctive Reformed witness

as the continuing body of the Reformed Church in the United States.

The Rev. Mr. Steinecker served two terms as pastor of the Ashley Charge from 1892-1904 and 1912-1922. In between there were two pastors, Rev. William Landsiedel 1905-1909 and Rev. Peter DeBuhr 1910-1912. Following Rev. Mr. Steinecker's second term, the pastors have been the Rev. F. W. Herzog 1922-1935, Rev. George Wolfe 1937-1942, Rev. K. Krueger 1944-1949, Rev. Fred Herzog, Jr. 1950-1953, Rev. John Cooper 1956-1959, and since Feb. 1960, the Rev. Thomas A. Beech. The Rev. Fred Herzog, Jr. was the son of the Rev. F. W. Herzog and was born here in Ashley during his father's pastorate.

The Ashley Church was begun with eight families: Conrad Mayer, George Mayer, Jakob Mayer, Philip Mayer, Gotlieb Metz, Jakob Mindt, Johann Schaeffer, and Christian Weber. The congregation built its first building in 1894 at the cost of \$399.95. In 1945 the original building was made longer, an alcove was added to the rear, and a basement put underneath. Since that time various minor improvements have been made from time to time.

The church has also organized a choir of about 15 voices. A youth fellowship group has been organized in recent years.

The present officers of the congregation in addition to the pastor are: Elders: Henry Huber and Leonard Wagemann. Deacons: Calvin Weber and Walter Helfenstein.

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REFORMED LADIES AID



Back row left to right:

Mrs. Leonard Wageman, Mrs. Ruben Helfenstein, Mrs. John Wageman, Mrs. Lydia Keim, Mrs. Henry Huber, Mrs. Thomas Beech, Mrs. Calvin Weber.

Front row left to right:

Mrs. Louise Weber, Mrs. David Tschetter, Mrs. Otto

Helfenstein, Mrs. Walter Helfenstein, Mrs. Reinholt Dollinger, Mrs. Jake Kost, Mrs. Myron Schleppe, Joan Wageman, church organist.

Absent from the picture are:

Mrs. Ruben Wageman and Mrs. Margaret Weber.

On June 5, 1957 twelve ladies met at the Reformed Church with Rev. John Cooper to organize a Ladies Aid. A constitution and by-laws were drawn up and accepted.

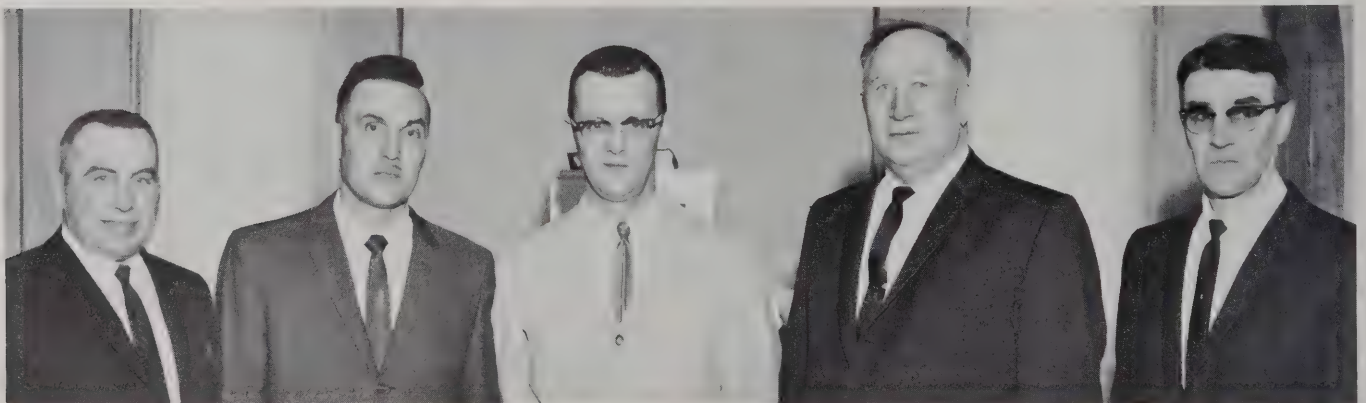
The organization was named the Ashley Reformed Church's Ladies Aid. Officers elected were Mrs. John Cooper, President; Mrs. Marvin Koerner, Vice President; Mrs. Ida Haas, Secretary; Mrs. Ruben Helfenstein, Treasurer.

The purpose of this organization is to assist and aid in the development and maintenance of the Church and to create interest and good will in every possible way for the general welfare of the congregation. Their activities have consisted of donations to the church fund, buying kitchen equipment, serv-

ing meals for mission fest, confirmation classes, weddings and funerals.

Donations are given to a number of foreign and home missions, and sending Christmas packages to Children's Village. In November, 1958 the aid purchased two pulpit chairs for the church. They meet in the church the first Friday of every month at 8 o'clock at which time a devotional period is observed, business is transacted and the remainder of the time is spent discussing the undertaking of new projects. The present officers are Mrs. Estella Weber, President; Mrs. Ada Wageman, Vice President; Mrs. Clara Kost, Secretary; Mrs. Alvina Wageman, Treasurer. The present membership is sixteen.

ASHLEY'S REFORMED CHURCH CONSISTORY



Walter Helfenstein ----- Deacon
Calvin Weber ----- Deacon
Rev. Thomas Beech ----- Pastor

Henry Huber ----- Elder
Leonard Wageman ----- Elder

THE BERLIN BAPTIST CHURCH



In the territorial days of 1884, the immigrants and settlers came pouring into this region to take up homesteads and to try to better themselves materially. They also felt a concern for their spiritual well-being.

Gatherings for worship were held in various homes and were at first non-denominational in character.

In 1888, a group of some thirty persons requested the rite of baptism by immersion and organized themselves under the direction of the Rev. Reichle as the Berlin Baptist Church. This was in the vicinity of Antelope Valley.

Among those early members were: The Adam Meidingers, Gottlieb Meidingers, Jacob Meidingers, Mrs. Johann Meidinger, Johann Rotts, George Rott, Christoph Rott, H. G. Rott, Johann Koths, Adam Muellers, Johann Koenigs, Gottlieb Lautts, Johann Bosart, Christian Bentz, A. Bentz, J. Hildenbrand, W. Hieb, Adam Kieser, the Sauers, Keckles, Breitlings, Staedings and Renschlers. Adam Meidinger was the first deacon and treasurer, and Johann Rott the first clerk and Sunday School superintendent.

Rev. B. Matzke was called to serve as the first minister. Under his leadership a small church was erected on the present church site at a cost of \$911.00. During the ministry of the Rev. Reichert a parsonage was built at the Jewell branch of the church. The mission work kept expanding so that stations were established at Hoffnungstal, Friedensfeld, and Monango. At this time Jewell became independent. A church and parsonage were constructed at Kulm. Another branch, Blumenfeld came into being and spread out to Hoffnungsfeld and Lehr. A parsonage was built at Lehr and they organized a church of their own, the Ebenezer Baptist Church, made up

of Rosenfeld, George, and Lehr.

During the ministry of Rev. Bens, the original Berlin church became inadequate, and was replaced by a larger building.

Rev. S. J. Fuxa served the various churches from 1916-21. It was during this time that the Ebenezer Church was organized and was later able to secure their own pastor. Rev. Fuxa continued his services with the Berlin, Fredonia, and Hoffnungsfeld groups. He lived in Fredonia, where a parsonage had been built in 1918. This parsonage is still in use, and the pastor drives out to the country church every Sunday.

Rev. Huber served from 1923-25. From then until 1930 the church was without a pastor until the coming of Rev. A. Krombein. His years of service (1930-38) were marked by self-sacrifice and hardships brought on by the drought and consequent harvest failure. The church was compelled to draw support from the Mission Board. Hoffnungsfeld station joined the main body during the service of Rev. William Jaster.

During Rev. Paul T. Hunsicker's ministry (1943-50), the church recovered from the effects of the depression and again became self-supporting. In 1949 the present church building was erected. While Rev. J. C. Kraenzler was pastor (1950-52), the debt on the new church was paid off. During the next few years, led by Rev. V. H. Prendinger, many necessary improvements were made to the parsonage at Fredonia.

The church thereafter had no pressing financial problems and has continued to enjoy a fruitful period of peace and growth. The present pastor is the Rev. David Littke.

THE BERLIN BAPTIST MISSION SOCIETY

The Berlin Baptist Mission Society was organized November 22, 1934, under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Albert Krombein. The society presently consists of 17 members and

meets monthly in the church. The programs are made up of studies on missions, the Bible, and short mission playlets.



Back row, left to right: Mrs. Elliott Rott, pianist; Mrs. John Reich, secretary; Mrs. Max Buechler, treasurer; Mrs. Fred Wolf; Mrs. Fred Hoffman, vice president; Mrs. David Littke, president; and Rev. David Littke.

Front row, left to right: Mrs. Adam Harr, Mrs. Edwin

Meidinger, Mrs. Ephraim Goehring, Mrs. John Hoffman, Mrs. Harold Blumhardt, Mrs. John Ketterling and Mrs. John Rott.

Not pictured: Mrs. Martha Schlenker, Mrs. Herbert Buerkley, Mrs. Elledhor Irion, Mrs. Albert Frey, and Mrs. Margaret Blumhardt, honorary member.

BERLIN BAPTIST CHURCH OFFICERS



Back row, left to right: Theodore Wolf, clerk; Fred Hoffman, assistant treasurer; John Reich, assistant Sunday school superintendent; Harold Blumhardt, usher; John Hoffman, trustee; LeRoy Fey, Sunday school superintendent.

Front row, left to right: Marvin Wolf, usher; M. C. Buechler, treasurer; Fred Wolf, deacon; David Littke, pastor; Albert Woehl, trustee; Karl Grenz, trustee; and Christ Wolf, deacon.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The First Baptist Church is the result of the third reorganization of what was organized on July 25, 1896 as the German Baptist Church of Jewell, McIntosh County, N. Dak. This was reorganized on January 30, 1912 as the First German Baptist Church of Ashley.

On Sept. 25, 1953 it was officially incorporated as the First Baptist Church of Ashley. Incorporators were: Walter Bauer, Isadore Lang and Gotthilf K. Zimmerman. Full and complete reorganization was consummated on February 12, 1954.

The Rev. E. R. Petersen served the church from September, 1954 to September of 1955. It was during his ministry that the property was obtained for the church and the building erected. The Rev. David M. Schwartz served for two years during which time the parsonage was purchased. The present pastor, Rev. Paul Lemke, arrived on the field in July of 1959.

All during the history of the church it has held all of its services in English, and has been affiliated with the Dakota Conference and the Baptist General Conference.

MISSION CIRCLE

The Mission Circle of the First Baptist Church was reorganized July 1, 1954. Officers elected were as follows: president, Mrs. B. F. Heitzmann; vice-president, Mrs. Emil F. Bertsch; secretary, Mrs. Emil J. Bertsch, and treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Baumann. The pastor's wife at this time was Mrs. E. Robert Petersen.

Other pastors' wives who have labored with women's work of the church are Mrs. David Schwartz and Mrs. Paul Lemke. Mrs. Lemke has also served in the capacity of president of the Mission Circle for two years.

The Mission Circle includes all the women of the church. They are divided into two groups, the Marthas and the Marys, who alternate in serving refreshments for various all-church occasions. Otherwise, the women meet as one body

regularly on the first Monday evening of the month, to coincide with the regular meeting of the Men's Brotherhood. Two women serve light refreshments at the close of the meetings, for both the Mission Circle and Brotherhood.

The work of the Mission Circle includes missionary topics and programs, white cross work, a reading project, and support of local church needs and supplies besides conference obligations, including Bethel College at St. Paul. They also contribute to clothing drives for World Relief and for Indians near a home mission field in northern Minnesota.

Present officers are Mrs. Wm. Baumann, president; Mrs. Paul Lemke, vice-president; Mrs. Arthur Spitzer, secretary, and Mrs. Grant Beveridge, treasurer.



Back row: Mrs. Erie Franz, Mrs. Isadore Lang, Mrs. David Helmer, Mrs. Grant Beveridge, Mrs. Lydia Bertsch, Mrs. Emil F. Bertsch, Mrs. Art Spitzer, Mrs. Ben Lang, Mrs. Jacob J. Bertsch, Mrs. Robert R. Bertsch, Mrs. Vernon Jenner, Mrs. Gotthilf Zimmerman.

Bottom row: Mrs. Andrew Schauer, Mrs. B. F. Heitzmann, Mrs. Roger Bertsch, Mrs. Theodore Woehl, Mrs. Lydia George, Mrs. Walter Bauer, Mrs. Fredericka Goehring, Mrs. Lydia Reich, Mrs. Fred Wolf, Mrs. Jacob Goehring, Mrs. Wm. Baumann.

DORCAS SOCIETY

Ladies of the First Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. Henry Schulz on January 7, 1935 and formally organized the Dorcas Society. The purpose of its organization was to give the young mothers and working women who could not attend the afternoon Ladies Aid meetings an opportunity to belong to a similar club.

Charter members of the society were: Mrs. Henry Schulz, Mrs. Wm. Baumann, Mrs. Edward Doerr, Mrs. Emil F. Bertsch, Mrs. John Pfahl, Mrs. Otto Meidinger, Mrs. Walter Doerr, Miss Emma Spitzer, Miss Ella Lippert, Miss Pauline Bertsch, Miss Frieda Bertsch, Miss Kathryn Bertsch, Miss Lena Goehring, Miss Tillie Bauer, Miss Martha Zimmerman, Miss Bertha Goehring, Mrs. Walter Bauer and Miss Eloise Meidinger. These members adopted a constitution and elected Mrs. Henry Schulz as their first president. Rev. Buenning

was pastor of the church at this time.

The activities of the society are to promote a closer bond of fellowship, to raise funds for missionary purposes, to help charitable institutions and to give help in the local church. During the years many projects have been completed.

On February 27, 1960 the Dorcas members observed their 25th anniversary with a smorgasbord dinner. A candle-light service, the candles representing the charter members, the deceased members, ill members and the present active members, was held. Mrs. William Baumann and Mrs. Emil F. Bertsch each received a corsage tied with silver ribbons acknowledging their charter membership. Letters from Mmes Henry Schulz, Ed Doerr, Otto Meidinger, W. J. Luebeck, and J. J. Renz, charter and former members, were read.



Back row, left to right: Mrs. Vernon Jenner, secretary; Mrs. Grant Beveridge, treasurer; Mrs. David Helmer, president; Mrs. Fred Wolf, Mrs. Emil F. Bertsch.

Front row, left to right: Mrs. Wm. Baumann, vice-president; Mrs. B. F. Heitzmann, Mrs. Paul Lemke, Mrs. Lydia George.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Christian Youth Fellowship was the name chosen by the fifteen young people who met with Rev. E. Robert Petersen of the First Baptist Church to organize the group.

The primary activities and purpose of the youth group is to help with the Sunday evening services, occasionally

taking charge of the entire service, and to promote a bond of Christian fellowship among the young people of the church in their meetings, as well as their social gatherings.

Summer camps, spring and fall Rally Day and Snow Day are some of the outside activities in which the members participate.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP



Present officers are seated, left to right: James Bertsch, president; Germaine Woehl, secretary; Gwendolyn Lemke, vice-president; David Jenner, treasurer.

Back row, left to right: Vernon Jenner, sponsor; Janice Bertsch, Ronald Bertsch, Jerry Lang, Oddie Jean Bertsch, Gary Woehl, Murray Franz, and Mrs. Vernon Jenner, sponsor.

FIRST BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD

The Brotherhood was organized January 20, 1958, with the following first officers: Jacob Knoblich, president; Ben Lang, vice-president; Fred Knoblich, secretary; and Jacob Bertsch, treasurer.

In 1959 they sent \$4.00 a month to Rev. Sandu at the Alaska Mission.

The Brotherhood sponsored a week of prayer in 1961 and 1962.

Several times they sponsored roller skating for the young people at the Legion Hall. In 1961 they rented 40 acres of land to seed wheat. This was a means of raising money for the church.



*Back row, left to right: Wm. Baumann, Gotthilf Zimmerman, Vernon Jenner, Roger Bertsch, Walter Bauer.
Middle row: Andrew Schauer, Isadore Lang, Jacob Bertsch,*

*Emil J. Bertsch, Art Spitzer.
Bottom row: Erie Franz, Emil F. Bertsch, Dr. Paul Lemke, pastor; Ben Heitzmann, Robert R. Bertsch.*

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR



Back row: Isadore Lang, Ronald Bertsch, Vernon Jenner, Walter Bauer, Art. Spitzer, James W. Bertsch, Emil J. Bertsch, Wm. Baumann.

Bottom row: Ben Heitzmann, director; Mrs. Ben Heitzmann, Mrs. Wm. Baumann, Germaine Woehl, Oddie Jean Bertsch, Mrs. Art. Spitzer, Janice Heitzmann, Janice W. Bertsch, Mrs. Vernon Jenner, Gwendolyn Lemke, Dr. Paul Lemke, pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MEN'S CHORUS



Back row: Andrew Schauer, Isadore Lang, Vernon Jenner, Walter Bauer, Art. Spitzer, James W. Bertsch, Wm. Baumann.

Bottom row: Ben Heitzmann, Theodore Woehl, Jacob Bertsch, Gotthilf Zimmerman, Emil J. Bertsch, Ronald Bertsch, Dr. Paul Lemke, pastor.

Peace Lutheran Church 10 Miles East Of Ashley



Peace Lutheran Church is located on highway 11, ten miles east of Ashley. About 24 farm families make up the membership. The congregation maintains an active program in all phases of church work.

The pioneers and early settlers of this rural community organized the congregation on May 13, 1897. After much serious deliberation they decided to build a church that would serve their needs temporarily. Out of these plans and hard work there arose on the prairie in 1898 a sod church which served the congregation for a period of 18 years. Rev. A. Meyers was the first pastor. He also had assisted with the church's organization.

When the church became too small and the desire grew for a more modern structure, new plans were made, culminating in the erection of the present church, which was built in 1916. Rev. H. L. Lechner served Peace church at that time.

From available information these were the charter members of Peace Lutheran congregation: Johannes Sackmann Sr.; Johannes Sackmann Jr.; Andrew Sackmann; Michael Kessel; Christof Grueneich; Jacob Maier; Daniel Roehl; Johannes Rothfusz; Gottlieb Strobel; Jacob Schlabsz; Daniel Schultz; Mattheis Dobler; and Heinrich Mueller.

The following pastors served the congregation since its founding in 1897: Rev. A. Meyers, 1897-1904; Rev. H. Timke, 1906-1908; Rev. P. W. Siefkes, 1909-1910; Rev. A. Kelp, 1911-1914; Rev. H. L. Lechner, 1914-18; Rev. F. Lehner, 1919-1921; Rev. D. Bergstedt, 1922-1933; Rev. J. Huetmeyer, 1934-1939; Rev. A. G. Doering, 1939; Rev. E. J. Voss, 1940-1942; Rev. E. H. Vetter, 1943-1947; Rev. J. Huetmeyer, 1947-1950; Rev. H. L. Lechner, 1950-1952; Rev. W. Gevers, 1952-1955; Rev. R. Heupel, 1955-1957; Rev. John Hoyer and Rev. H. Vorrath served as supply pastors from 1957-1959; and since that time the congregation has been served by Rev. E. Theilen.

During the history of the congregation 278 children were baptized, 631 were confirmed, 126 couples were married, and 67 funerals were conducted.

The present church council consists of the following officers: Theodore Maier, first deacon; Gottfried Maier, second deacon; trustees, Art C. Nitschke, Richard Heinrich, and Alvin Nitschke; Secretary, Art C. Nitschke; Treasurer, Gottlieb L. Sackmann; organist, Miss Bette M. Nitschke.

The Sunday School staff consists of the following: Allen A. Nitschke, superintendent; teachers: Mrs. R. Hochhalter, and Garry Schumacher; organist, Clair Sackmann.

Peace Lutheran Women of the Church



Back row, left to right:

Mrs. Richard Heinrich, Mrs. Gottfried Kessel, Mrs. Gottfried Bertsch, Mrs. August Schumacher, Mrs. E. Theilen.

Front row, left to right:

Mrs. Marvin Erlenbusch, Mrs. Reinhold Hochhalter, Mrs. Gottfried Maier, Mrs. Theo. Maier, Mrs. G. L. Sackmann. (not pictured is Mrs. Melvin Fregien.)

On October 11, 1962 the women of Peace Lutheran Church of rural Ashley, North Dakota, met in the church to organize an American Lutheran Church Women auxiliary, under the direction of Pastor E. Theilen.

The constitution and by-laws were read and adopted. A circle was formed and named Peace American Lutheran Church Women. Eleven members joined the circle and officers were elected. The first and present officers elected of this circle are: President, Mrs. G. L. Sackmann; Vice-president, Mrs. Gottfried Maier; Secretary, Mrs. Marvin Erlenbusch; Treasurer, Mrs. Theo. Maier.

Peace ALCW circle meets on the third Tuesday of each month in the homes of the members. Bible study and devotions are conducted by Pastor Theilen. Business is transacted, after which lunch is served.

The purpose of this circle is to strengthen the spiritual life of the members, and to further the work of the Church.

Peace Lutheran Church Council and Sunday School Staff



(Back row, left to right) Art C. Nitschke, Richard Heinrich, Gottfried Maier, Theodore Maier, Gottlieb L. Sackmann, Alvin E. Nitschke.

(Front row, left to right) Garry Schumacher, Allen A. Nitschke, Pastor E. Theilen, Bette M. Nitschke, Mrs. Reinhold Hochhalter.

ST. DAVID'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Until 1944 the few Catholic families that lived in Ashley attended divine services on Sundays in the surrounding parishes, particularly St. Andrew's in Zeeland, St. John's, five miles north of Zeeland, St. Mary's of Hague, and St. Patrick's of Wishek.

So far as can be determined the first Sacrifice of the Mass was offered in Ashley around Easter time of 1920, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Ruemmele.

From 1920 until 1930 pastors from St. Andrew's, St. John's or St. Philip's Church of Napoleon held services in the various homes of the parishioners. During this period the Catholic families were few: The Martin Ruemmeles, Frank Ruemmeles, Nickalaus Kautts, Steve Fischers and H. L. Wolls.

From 1935 until 1944 the Rev. Victor Long, pastor of the Church of the Transfiguration in Edgeley, offered Mass once a month on weekdays in the large room of the Home Hotel, then owned by Attorney Franz Shubeck, and operated by Miss Anna Kautt and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nickalaus Kautt. It was during this period that the first Catholic mission was given July 13-17, 1937 by Rev. Thomas Jundt, O.S.B., then assistant pastor at Edgeley. Holy Mass was celebrated each morning with the participants receiving Holy Communion. Sermons were preached both in the morning and at the evening prayer services. In the afternoons the children were given religious instructions by Sisters Louis Phillipe of St. Joseph's Academy, St. Paul, Minn., and Sister Angela of St. John's Academy of Jamestown, North Dakota.

In 1944 the Rev. Charles Veach of St. Helena's Church of Ellendale began having Mass regularly every Sunday for the small group in Ashley. This continued until 1951, when the Rev. Anton Anzic, pastor of St. John's replaced Father Veach and Ashley became a station of the St. John's parish. In 1958 Father Anzic was forced to retire because of ill health and was succeeded by the Rev. Alois Zdolsek.

It must be noted here that the Catholic congregation through all these years was most fortunate in being able to use the room in the Home Hotel for its religious services. Mrs. Louise Marek and Miss Anna Kautt reserved this large room and faithfully maintained it as a chapel. In addition to the routine cleaning these ladies cared for the vestments and altar linens and provided fresh flowers and plants for the altar. In these and other works they gave freely of their time and energy.

This chapel in the hotel served very well and was quite adequate until about 1955. As a few more Catholic families moved into the community and with the children growing up, the chapel at times was quite crowded. Periodically, the idea of securing a church building was discussed. It was always abandoned, as being too ambitious a project for so few to undertake.

In the early spring of 1959, during the administration of Father Zdolsek, the St. James Lutheran Church was advertized for sale by sealed bids. This church, located about seven and one-half miles southeast of Ashley, was admirably suited to the needs of St. Mary's Mission, as the chapel was then known. On March 16, the members voted unanimously to submit a bid of \$3100.00 for the church and its contents. This bid was duly submitted on March 19, 1959 by Peter Goettle and Andrew Bosch, acting as parish directors. With permission and upon advice from the Bishop of the diocese, the transaction was finally completed on April 16, 1959. In the purchase of the church, the congregation received financial aid from the Catholic Extension Society of Chicago, Illinois, the Home Mission Fund of the diocese of Fargo, and the David Walter family and Miss B. M. Devaney family of Chicago, Illinois.

Through the generosity of the late J. H. and Nina Farley Wishek heirs, three lots in the northeastern part of town were donated as a site for the church.

A basement was prepared and the church was brought to town in July. Under the direction and with the assistance of the present pastor, Father Victor Schill, the men and women of the parish spent many weeks in remodeling and redecorating the church.

With grateful hearts the small parish at last saw the fulfillment of its dream of so many years. On March 9, 1960, St. David's, the first Catholic Church of Ashley was dedicated by the Most Reverend Leo F. Dworschak, Bishop of Fargo.

Though the Catholic congregation is small, it is gratifying to see what such a small group can accomplish in a relatively short time. Much of the credit for this has been due to the unselfish efforts of the pastor. In addition to ministering to the spiritual needs of his flock, Father Schill has given unstintingly of his time and labor in repairing and remodeling the church building. During the past two summers Father Schill has lowered the church belfry and has built an attractive entranceway as a protection against wind and rain. More improvements have been planned for the church and grounds, which no doubt will soon be realized.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

The beginning of the Zion Lutheran seems to have been a slow process, as most beginnings are. Zion is no exception. Of record is the work of a Rev. Brunn, about the year 1890. He served a large area in and around Ashley. In 1896 a preaching place was established in Ashley, services being conducted in homes, schoolhouse, courthouse and wherever convenient. The congregation was not organized until September, 1903, with eleven families.

In the spring of 1904 the building of a church was undertaken. In 1904, Rev. Wenninger served the parish which consisted of four congregations. He served until 1907. Rev. Schulz succeeded him and served until 1917, Rev. Boetke from 1917 to 1919, and Rev. Briest from 1919 to 1922.

The growth of the congregation made it necessary to provide more rooms for worship. The present church was started in 1921 and dedicated in May, 1922. In 1926 a new parsonage was built.

In 1922, Rev. Sprattler succeeded Rev. Briest and served until March, 1933. In July, 1933 Rev. Jung came and served the congregation until 1943, when he entered the chaplaincy service. Pastor Drewelow served the congregation from June, 1943 to April, 1945. Pastor Lechner served from October, 1945 to August, 1954. It was during his ministry that three of the country congregations and two of the Danzig parish closed and joined the Zion Lutheran. This partly explains the phenomenal growth of Zion during his ministry. Rev. F. Heupel served the congregation from fall of 1954 to the fall of 1957. During his time, plans were made for possible enlargement and educational unit. Pastor E. Groth succeeded Rev. Heupel, serving the congregation from June, 1958 to August, 1961. The present pastor, J. Kammerer, has served the congregation since September 1, 1961.

The present membership is 1190 baptized, 890 confirmed members and 363 enrolled in Sunday School.

LUTHER LEAGUE

The Luther League was first organized under the leadership of Rev. G. L. Sprattler in 1923. Early records of this organization are lost. The whole aim of the organization is to establish the youth on the foundation of God's word, to

assist them in being loyal members of the church and to be active and faithful workers in the church. At present, this organization meets twice a month, and has 60 members.



1st row, left to right: Margaret Eszlinger, Donna Bertsch, Jean Marzolf, James Klipfel, Janet Dobler, Carol Haupt, Judy Kammerer, Sharon Klipfel, Barbara Eszlinger, Evangeline Rothfusz.

2nd row: Barbara Breitmeyer, Sandra Retzer, Pamela Spitzer, Donna Herman, Susan Weisser, Ruby Kramer, Joan Pfeifle, Donna Denning.

3rd row: Bonnie Thurn, Yvonne Baumann, Sandra Dobler, Ella Schaeffer, Alice Pfeifle, Jean Golz, Julie Heinrich, Peggy Klipfel, Patty Walz, Kenneth Retzer, Douglas Schlabsz.

4th row: Sandra Groszhans, Ursula Weisz, Linda Heinle, Geraldine Klipfel, Kathy Vanourney, Karen Schumacher, Margaret Kammerer, Linda Martz, Glenn Spitzer, Pastor Kammerer.

5th row: Gary Schumacher, Jarrold Neu, Bruce Speidel, Darrel Klipfel, Steve Kessel, Doris Eszlinger, Linda Roeszler, Linda Klipfel.

6th row: Ronald Herman, Melvin Zelmer, Frank Martz, Mark Vossler.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH CHOIR



1st row, left to right: Carol Haupt, Linda Heinle, Ursula Weisz, Linda Klipfel, Sharon Klipfel, Mrs. Marvin Kessel, director; Mrs. Gotthilf Bendewald, Mrs. Herbert Neu, Mrs. F. F. Bender, Donna Denning.

2nd row: Mrs. Julius Klipfel, Bonnie Thurn, pianist; Geraldine Klipfel, Linda Roeszler, Mrs. Aaron Haas, Margaret Kammerer, Susan Weisser, Patty Walz, Sandra Dobler, Yvonne Baumann.

3rd row: Mrs. Raymond Klipfel, Ella Schaeffer, Sheila Martz, Alice Pfeifle, Jolene Hinz, Judy Kammerer, Margaret Esz-

linger, Kathy Vanourney, Sandra Groszhans, Pamela Spitzer.

4th row: Julie Heinrich, Jean Golz, Jean Marzolf, Janet Dobler, Sandra Retzer, Evangeline Rothfusz, Karen Schumacher, Linda Martz, Doris Eszlinger, Peggy Klipfel, pianist.

5th row: Myron Rau, Gottfried Harsch, Adolf Thurn, Darrel Klipfel, Milbert Bauer, F. F. Bender, Christ. Grosz, Gotthilf Bendewald.

6th row: Geo. Rothfusz, Jake Rothfusz, Melvin Zelmer, Frank Martz, Steve Kessel.

CHURCH COUNCIL



1st row, left to right: Pastor Kammerer, Jacob Glaesmann, Fred Klipfel, Gotthilf Bendewald, Wm. Meidinger, Wm. Thurn, president.

2nd row: Geo. Rothfusz, Les. Laudon, Adolf Thurn, treasurer;

Milton Schauer, Emil Wiedmann.

3rd row: Gotthilf Herberg, Ben Steinhaus, secretary; Marvin Kessel, Floyd Schock, Oscar Drefs, vice-president.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN



TOP ROW LEFT TO RIGHT

Mrs. Herbert Speidel, Mrs. Richard Eberly, Mrs. Christoph Fischer, Mrs. Richard Klipfel, Mrs. Ray Bauer, Mrs. Don Kounovsky, Mrs. Wm. E. Meidinger, Mrs. Alvin Walz, Mrs. Gottlieb Thurn.

SECOND ROW FROM TOP

Mrs. Lenora Mayer, Mrs. Reinhold Spitzer, Mrs. Oscar Baumann, Miss Elsie Pfahl, Mrs. Albert Weisser, Mrs. Walter Kraemer, Mrs. Jacob Groszhans, Mrs. Oscar Martz, Mrs. Fred Breitmeyer, Mrs. Otto Maier, Mrs. Fred Eszlinger, Mrs. Charlie Meyer, Mrs. J. O. Dockter.

THIRD ROW FROM TOP

Mrs. Walter Retzer, Mrs. Edward Golz, Miss Aldina Just, Mrs. Julius Bender, Mrs. John Steinwandt, Mrs. Oscar Rau, Mrs. Chris Maier, Mrs. George Rothfusz, Mrs. Henry Eszlinger, Mrs. Jacob Eszlinger, Mrs. Emma Wahl, Mrs. Fred G. Maier, Mrs. Edwin Haupt.

FOURTH ROW FROM TOP

Mrs. Theo. Dockter, Mrs. Theo. Betsch, Mrs. Reuben Dewald, Mrs. Art Bertsch, Mrs. Oscar Drefs, Mrs. Edward Rau, Mrs. Jacob Rothfusz, Mrs. Julius Retzer, Mrs. Andy Sackmann, Mrs. Carold Spitzer, Mrs. Edwin Schaeffer, Mrs. Edmund Walth, Mrs. John Salzer, Jr., Mrs. Milton Walz, Mrs. Calford Mayer, Mrs. Andrew Rothfusz.

FIFTH ROW FROM TOP

Mrs. Max A. Wishek, Mrs. Ted Bollinger, Mrs. F. F. Bender, Mrs. Walter Froh, Mrs. Art Gehring, Mrs. Raymond Klipfel, Mrs. Howard Klipfel, Mrs. Christ Jenner, Mrs. Rudolph Ehley, Mrs. Kenneth Lynn, Mrs. Ted Bauer, Mrs. Edwin Kramer, Mrs. Adolph Thurn, Mrs. Wm. Thurn, Mrs. Martha Wolf.

SIXTH ROW FROM TOP

Mrs. Reinhold Roeszler, Mrs. Gerhardt Rothfusz, Mrs. Gotthilf Bendewald, Mrs. Ruth Klipfel, Mrs. Eva Iszler, Mrs. Wm. Kost, Mrs. Fred Dewald, Mrs. August Thurn, Mrs. Floyd

Schock, Mrs. Marvin Kessel, Mrs. Emil Wiedmann, Mrs. E. W. Schock, Mrs. Otto Walz, Mrs. Lydia Merkel, Mrs. Fred J. Hoffman.

SEVENTH ROW FROM TOP

Mrs. Adam Vossler, Mrs. Earl Weisz, Mrs. Roger Klipfel, Mrs. Albert Iszler, Mrs. Cyrus Pfeifle, Mrs. Edna Martz, Mrs. Albert Klipfel, Mrs. Gottfried Heinrich, Mrs. Edwin Schauer, Mrs. Harold Schlenker, Mrs. Adolph Schumacher, Mrs. Ervin Sackmann, Mrs. Ernest Oberlander, Mrs. Marvin Vossler, Mrs. Max Wishek, Jr., Mrs. Albert Maier, Mrs. Leslie Laudon, Mrs. Hannah Nagel.

EIGHTH ROW FROM TOP

Mrs. Christina Marzolf, Mrs. Willis Roeszler, Mrs. Ervin Weber, Mrs. Mildred Johnson, Miss Lydia Weber, Mrs. Leonard Roeszler, Mrs. John Kammerer, Rev. John Kammerer, Mrs. Aaron Haas, Mrs. Lawrence Schnabel, Mrs. Roger Haupt, Mrs. Milton Schauer, Mrs. Herbert Neu, Mrs. Ervin Zimmerman, Mrs. Albert Haller, Mrs. Oscar Erlenbusch, Mrs. Marvin Lehr.

MEMBERS NOT ON PICTURE

Mrs. Alvin Zimmerman, Mrs. Bob Johnson, Mrs. Ben Steinhau, Mrs. Gideon Hagel, Mrs. Jacob Kemmet, Mrs. Christ Klipfel, Mrs. Dan Quaschnick, Mrs. Richard Nitschke, Mrs. Ray Giedt, Mrs. Albert Golz, Mrs. Albert Heinle, Mrs. Albert Bertsch, Mrs. Katherina Reuther, Mrs. G. H. Hernet, Mrs. David Reuther, Mrs. Henry Heuther, Mrs. Jacob Woeszner, Mrs. Dorothy Joachim, Mrs. Dwight Roll, Mrs. Edwin Neu, Mrs. Oscar Pfeifle, Mrs. Bertha Fischer, Mrs. Johanna Schock, Mrs. Adam Schneider, Mrs. Eva Rau, Mrs. Roger Altenburg, Mrs. Rudolph Walz, Mrs. Wm. Fink, Mrs. Alvina Klipfel, Mrs. John Jerke, Mrs. Reinhold Kramlich, Mrs. Otto Groszhans, Mrs. Clayton Maier, Mrs. Otto Rasch, Mrs. Fred Frisch, Miss Bertha Schauer, Mrs. Robert Pfeifle, Mrs. Oscar Herman, Mrs. LeRoy Bendewald, Mrs. Carl Schwartzbauer, Mrs. Myron Ehley, Mrs. John Rau, Mrs. Richard Vanourny.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

The Zion Lutheran Church Women of Ashley is an organization of all Lutheran Church Women, with 158 active members. This auxiliary was reorganized and became affiliated with the American Lutheran Church Women on March 14, 1961. Prior to this time the women of the church held membership in two organizations, namely "Outlook Society" and "Lutheran Mission Circle."

The Lutheran Mission Circle was organized on January 21, 1926. The aim of this organization was to help charitable institutions; both financially and with donations of food and clothing. They also sponsored special programs and activities along with contributions to the upkeep and improvements of the church kitchen.

The Zion Outlook Society organized May 19, 1942 was affiliated with the Women's Missionary Federation of the American Lutheran Church. The primary purpose of the organization was to help support "Missions" financially, here and abroad, and also become better acquainted with their work through study. Contributions were given to charitable institutions.

At a meeting on March 14, 1961, the women of the church voted to reorganize as one organization—Zion Lutheran

Church Women. The members are divided into circles with an average of 10 members per circle. Each circle meets once a month in the homes of circle members and general meetings of all members are held at least four times each year. Bible study is the core of the general program, however the secondary emphasis is to follow the ALC Calendar of Causes, studying a different phase of the work of the church each month. Materials for this study appear in the monthly publication of the auxiliary—SCOPE. The purpose of this organization is a twofold program of education and stewardship which includes the support of American and Foreign Missions.

ASHLEY MOTOR COMPANY

The building now occupied by the Ashley Motor Company was built by Mr. V. S. Collins in 1918 who operated it as a Ford Agency for a number of years until 1934. That year it was sold to Mr. Gottlieb Becker and was known as the Becker Chevrolet Company and has from that time been the headquarters for Chevrolet. Mr. Becker in turn sold the business on his retirement to G. H. Hernett in 1944 when the name was changed to The Ashley Motor Company under the management of Wilmer Rall. In 1946 upon his return from the service, Gottlieb Thurn took over the management which position he still maintains. In 1949 it was reorganized when Mr. Thurn went into partnership with Mr. Hernett. Under the management of Mr. Thurn several new franchises were added to the business, such as Allis Chalmers farm machinery line, New Holland Farm Equipment, which lines are still part of the business to date. New Idea Farm Equipment was also added but was later dropped. Along with the above, the Maytag appliances have also been part of the business and are still being handled at the present time. On Jan. 1, 1959 the business was incorporated under the same name. The same year Chris Maier, who formerly resided on a farm east of Ashley bought stock in the Corporation and is presently employed as a full time parts manager. The officers of the Corporation at present are: G. H. Hernett, President, Chris Maier, Vice President and Gottlieb Thurn, General Manager, Sec'y and Treasurer. The organization is presently staffed with the following personnel: Stanley Dobler, Service Manager, Robert Pfeifle, Service Department, Dennis Quaschnick, General Utility Man and Wilma Stugelmayer, Bookkeeper and Accountant. Some changes and improvements have been made to the facilities but much of the building remains the same as it was built in 1918.

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DIAMOND DAMES

Sixty women of Ashley and vicinity met on Nov. 1, 1962 at the grade school auditorium for the purpose of organizing and electing officers.

Acting chairman at this meeting was Mrs. Edwin J. Kramer. Officers elected at this meeting were as follows: President; Mrs. Wm. Baumann; Co-Chairman, Mrs. Wm. Giedt; Vice-President, Mrs. F. F. Bender; Secretary, Mrs. Grant Beveridge and Treasurer, Miss Elsie Pfahl.

The purpose of this organization is to help publicize the Jubilee and help raise funds needed to defray expense.

The dues are \$1.00 per member, and include a pin with the inscription: "1888-Diamond Dames-1963", to be worn as an insignia of membership.

The regular meetings are held the third Monday of each month. There were 200 women present at the first regular meeting held on Jan. 17, 1963. At this writing there are a total of 411 members.

Every member will wear a costume, of whichever era she decides, to the regular meetings and on either Wednesday or Saturday of each week.

The Vice-President, Mrs. F. F. Bender, is to act as the program chairman. There will be a planned program and

group singing at the regular meetings.

To date, the president has appointed the following committees: Ways & Means, Mrs. H. H. Jenner, Chairman and Mrs. Leonard Roeszler; Car Raffle, Mrs. John Pfahl, Chairman with Mrs. Walter Kraemer and Mrs. Fred Eszlinger.

The organization went on record to sponsor and support the following projects: The Elk Chorus from Aberdeen, help sell tickets for the car raffle, and sell Diamond Daughter pins. So far, 115 pins have been sold.

Best wishes to ASHLEY for a successful 75th.

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Second row, left to right: Mrs. Adam Vossler; Mrs. Fred Breitmeyer; Mrs. Robert Pfeifle; Mrs. Donald Dockter; Mrs. Ervin Zimmerman; Mrs. Clarence Salzer; Mrs. Albert Iszler; Mrs. Lawrence Schnabel; Mrs. Marvin Lehr; Mrs. Max Wishek Jr.; Mrs. Albert Maier; Mrs. Adolph Schumacher; Mrs. John Pfahl; Mrs. John Huebner; Mrs. Edwin Meidinger.

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CITY OF LEHR

Lehr, in common with most of the other towns in the surrounding area, was settled mainly by Russian immigrants of German descent. Many of these people had come to this country during the 1880's and settled in southern Dakota Territory. Hearing from friends and relatives of the great stretches of unoccupied land where free homesteads were still available, many moved north into McPherson, McIntosh, Logan, and Dickey Counties.

It was from Ipswich, South Dakota, that the first settlers of the Lehr vicinity started for McIntosh County. Ipswich was the end of the Milwaukee Railroad at that time, and from there the people traveled by oxteam or horse and covered wagon to the new land that they intended to homestead.

The first group that started for McIntosh County in 1886 settled a little south and southeast of the present townsite of Lehr. Family names of that first pioneer group include: Becker, Bittner, George, Goehring, Hoff, Lachenmaier, Lehr, Mayer, Miller, Nagel and Ziegenhagel.

Another group traveling the same route came the next year, but settled in Logan County, northwest of Lehr. In this group were the Bogners, Ensmingers, Leischners, Koenigs, Schmeiers and Sukuts. Many of these names are still heard in and around Lehr, carried by the descendants of these early settlers.

In 1898, the Soo Line Railroad was extended from Kulm west through Lehr and on to Bismarck. With the coming of the railroad new towns sprang up to provide a market or a shipping point for the farmers' produce.

When news spread that the railroad was coming through in the vicinity of Lehr, Johann Lehr offered to give 40 acres of land for a townsite. So, it was from Mr. Lehr, the donor of its townsite, that the city of Lehr received its name.

After the townsite had been decided upon, the settlers were eager to have the necessary buildings and equipment in the town that would enable them to dispose of their farm produce, and in turn buy the merchandise that they needed for their homes and farms. Marketing of grain had been a problem, with some farmers being forced to haul their grain forty miles to the nearest town on the railroad with storage facilities. Quite naturally then, the first building constructed in Lehr was the Woodward Elevator which was ready that fall to buy the 1898 crop. This elevator is still being used as part of the Jenner Elevator Company, and is the oldest building in Lehr.

Adam Nagel, Jr. and John F. George started a general store which was so successful that they built a larger store the next year (1899).

Fred Ziegenhagel and Andreas Lehr, Sr. started the first machinery business, hauling some of their machinery from Wishek.

A hardware store, lumber yard and bank soon followed those first ventures, so it was not long before most of the farmers' needs could be taken care of right in Lehr.

Lehr was first organized as a village November 18, 1907 with Adam Nagel, Jr. as president of the council. Other council members were: Adam Nagel, Sr., Adam Reich, Sam Krueger, Andrew Lehr, and P. P. Dahl, clerk; John J. Giedt, village attorney; and Fred Heupel, marshal.

On May 18, 1909, Lehr was organized as a city with the following officers: John Rott, Sr., mayor; Lott Lachenmaier, Karl Sattler, Jacob Mack, Sr., and Jacob Bittner, aldermen; A. H. Becker, auditor; J. H. George, police magistrate; and Gottlieb Doerr, chief-of-police.

The City of Lehr is unique in that it is situated in two counties, Logan and McIntosh. State Highway No. 13 forms the dividing line. Official city business is conducted as a unit with no distinction being made between citizens living in one county or the other.

From its small beginning Lehr has continued to grow and improve. In 1946 the city voted to install a complete waterworks system.

The original church buildings have been replaced, some for the second time. In the past few years the Lutheran, Evangelical (E. U. B.), Baptist and Seventh Day Adventist congregations have constructed new churches, all outstanding structures.

A new school building, constructed as an addition to the existing grade and high school building erected in 1923, was at a cost of \$300,000, and dedicated November 11, 1962. These buildings are on the McIntosh County side of the city. The grade school built in 1917 in Logan County in the northern part of the city has been abandoned, as the newer buildings provide ample space for grades and high school.

The Lehr Thimble Bee, a ladies' organization devoted to charitable work and betterment of the community, maintains a public library in the city hall.

The City Hall, built in 1940, and the newer Legion Hall are used for meetings, social gatherings and entertainments in the city.

Old pioneers still residing in Lehr are F. F. George, age 85, Fred Ziegenhagel, age 97, and J. H. Bellon, age 75.

VENTURIA

The village of Venturia in McIntosh County is located nine miles west and two miles south of Ashley. The Pollock branch of the "Soo Line" passes through the town and state highway number eleven runs two miles to the North. The elevation is 2,072 feet. The town lies in a group of rolling hills on land once the homestead of Michael Tesky and Phillip Huber.

The railroad came through this Country in 1901 and the Minnesota Loan and Trust Company acquired the land and had it surveyed and platted for a town which was then located. The next question was a name for the new town. There was quite a controversy between some of the prominent men of the town; but no decision was made until the matter was settled by the late John H. Wishek, Sr. It seemed that just outside of the town there had been a wreck and freight cars lay tipped on their sides. One of the cars bore the name "Ventura", possibly from far off Ventura, California. Mrs. Wishek suggested the name Venturia for the new town and so it was decided.

The first building in the town was a store, called the Bazaar, put up by Jacob Wiedmann. It is still in use for storage today. This building housed the post office from 1901 until 1952 except for a few months in 1915 when Mr. Balt-hazer Iszler held the office. It is interesting to note that the post office of Venturia had been run by Jacob Wiedmann and his brother John ever since its establishment in 1901, except for the time stated in the foregoing statement until Mr. John Wiedmann's retirement in 1950. Mr. Wiedmann's son-in-law, Mr. Emil Sayler, then became postmaster. Venturia now has its own post office building and the present postmaster is Mr. August F. Dockter, a World War II veteran.

In the fall of 1902, a second store was built by Jacob Hochstetter and the first elevator was built by Victoria Elevator Company. Later two more elevators were built and a bank established. Two lumber yards soon followed.

The Venturia school had its origin in farm homes and was taught by various men during the winter months only. The first school house erected in 1905 was two and a half miles northeast of Venturia which the few pupils from the town attended. During the summer of 1907 one room school house was built in Venturia and that fall was the first school year for Venturia. This one room school was taught by a negress, Miss Mattie B. Anderson.

In the year of 1910 the one room proved too small and the school house was enlarged to two rooms. This little two room school house served very nicely until the fall of 1922 when it became necessary to have three teachers and three rooms. An unused so called "summer kitchen" was purchased and moved to town and served as the third room for the public school.

The summer of 1923 a four room structure was erected and in the fall the pupils and three teachers moved into the new building. When school resumed in the fall of 1924 the enrollment was large enough to employ four teachers and this arrangement of having two grades in a room continued for ten years. The enrollment then gradually decreased and in the fall of 1934 the school board felt that the employment of three teachers could again be adopted.

The summer of 1952 the citizens of Venturia felt that

a new modern school house should be built and so work began and shortly after New Year in 1953, the pupils and three teachers moved into the new building. The hot lunch was also established at that time and has been in effect up to the present time. The Venturia school now employs only two teachers as the enrollment gradually decreased the past eight years. The pupils, upon completing the eighth grade, attend high school at Ashley. A school bus from Ashley transports the students to and from Ashley each school day.

The village of Venturia has three churches. The Baptist church was first organized in 1908 as a part of the Mother Church of Danzig. Three buildings have housed the Congregation since its organization. The newest modern building was built in 1949.

The Lutheran Church was built in 1914 but the congregation was established in 1912.

The Reformed Church was first located two miles north and a half mile east of town. This building proved to be too small for the growing congregation and so it was decided to purchase a larger building and locate the church in Venturia. This was done during the summer of 1950.

The Baptist Congregation celebrated their 50th anniversary in June, 1962 and the 50th anniversary of the Lutheran church was observed on the first of July, 1962.

The organizations of the town include a Baptist Ladies Aid; a Baptist C.B.Y. organization; Lutheran Women of the Church; Reformed Fellowship Circle; two Homemaker's clubs (one rural); a 4H Girls club; a Volunteer Fire Department; a Commercial Club; American Legion Pfeifle Post No. 285, and a Legion Auxiliary.

Venturia's main street is paved as well as is the main road through the town. The business places in town include two elevators; two oil stations; a lumber yard; a garage; a cream station; a cafe; a grocery store; recreation parlor; and the village post office. Other buildings are a City Hall; Fire Hall; Legion Hall; and a depot.

Venturia was incorporated in 1912 and the present officers include Mr. Calvin Dockter, Mr. Edward Harak, and Mr. Alfred Dobler as trustees. Mr. Joachim Ritter is clerk and Mr. Sam Bender, village treasurer and Mr. Reinie Ritter is the village marshal.

Venturia celebrated its Golden Jubilee in June of 1951 and hopes to be able to observe its Diamond Anniversary in 1976.

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CITY OF WISHEK

Wishek, your friendly neighbor to the north, salutes you as the Diamond Jubilee City of McIntosh County in 1963. We, as a municipality and as individuals, join with all citizens and residents of McIntosh County in hearty congratulations on your growth and progress since your founding three quarters of a century ago and especially on your expansion and development since your Golden Jubilee Year of 1938. Your city water system, your street paving, your enlarged and modern hospital and your beautiful and modern school are marks of progress which have made Ashley a better place in which to live. The friendly rivalry existing between us has been a stimulant toward progress and has proven beneficial to both communities.

The City of Wishek, which is ten years your junior in age, was founded in October, 1898 when rails of the Soo Line reached its present location. John H. Wishek, Sr. was its founder and is its namesake. Mr. Wishek, a McIntosh County pioneer, was also instrumental in the founding of the City of Ashley, where he lived until the time of his death.

Wishek functioned as a village until 1930 when it was organized as a City with a Council form of government. Its present City officials are Elmo Nickisch, Mayor, R. W. Pfau, Auditor, Vernon Herr, Treasurer, with Walter Schlenker, Gustav Kosanke, Walter Boschee, Ben Meidinger, O. W. Bettenhausen and Alvin Raile serving as Aldermen.

Since the year of Wishek's Golden Jubilee in 1948, the City has shown steady progress and improvement. Three Church congregations, the First Baptist Church, St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church and St. John's Congregational Church, have built new and modern Houses of Worship. More than one hundred blocks of paving have surfaced its City Streets. Its Park and Playground area has been enlarged and beautified. Its community hospital, already overcrowded, will soon have an addition to increase its bed capacity. Wishek's Public Schools, recently reorganized into a Special District which encompasses rural areas of both McIntosh and Logan Counties, operates a fleet of eleven school buses and in addition to the old facilities, now occupies a new and modern Grade and Junior High building. Plans for a new Wishek Armory are now in preparation. This will house Wishek's National Guard Company. Scheduled for erection in the near future is a Home for the Aged, sponsored by St. John's Congregational Church and affiliated churches in No. Dak. The Tri-County Fair, which has functioned since 1927, has, in recent years, expanded its facilities with a dance pavilion and a new exhibits building. The Fair Grounds are also the site of a nine hole golf course established and maintained by Wishek's Beaver Valley Golf Club. A fine Club House now graces the Course due to generosity and personal effort on the part of the Club members.

Ashley and Wishek both have a future, but progress in the future of each rests in the hearts and hands of its people.

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HISTORY OF ZEELAND

Before rails, roads or trails were ever laid or broken, people in a far-a-way land became restless under the rule of an unjust czar and longed for land of their own to till. Zeeland is truly the settlement of "the migration." The people migrated from densely populated Germany to the vast steppes of Russia but found no security. They left their well-managed colonies and fertile steppes to cross an ocean and half a continent to settle the prairies of the Dakotas. Into these parts, by oxen or by wagons drawn by horses, came our forefathers, in search of homes and livelihood. There was land enough for all the ambitious peasants who wished to come, and many came. Often entire families would come in a group and brothers would claim adjoining land, forming specific named settlements. Many had come to Menno or Freeman, South Dakota and from there to Ipswich, by rail, and then to McIntosh County by wagon. They endured many hardships on their treks. However, they staked their claims and proceeded to build homes from the newly-broken sod; likewise the ovens to heat the homes were built of earth. There was a lot of neighborliness — people did things together and for each other. The trips to Ipswich were very few and far between, but when flour, salt, sugar and tobacco were needed, the trips had to be made. There were a few prairie stores and post offices which helped supply the settlers with some necessities. With the tilling of the soil and the increase of livestock, the farms prospered but a definite need for towns closer by was felt, and until this became a reality, one could rarely see a frame house or a farm built up as we see them today. The resourcefulness and frugality of the people kept them going until better days came.

One of these so called "needed towns" started in the southwestern part of McIntosh County was Zeeland — a border line town only two miles from the South Dakota state line. The name "Zeeland" means "sea land." Legends have been passed down that the land on which Zeeland is located was at one time under water and parts of it were not drained until within the memory of some of Zeeland's present residents. The name originates from Holland.

The townsite is part of the Pre-emption Claim of Heinrich Ellwein (SW¼ of Section 21, Twp. 129, Range 73). This was sold to Christian and Sophia Bauer, his wife, December 3, 1897. The Milwaukee Land Company platted the town and conveyed the right-of-way to the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul and Pacific Railway Company. It was surveyed by County Surveyor, LaMotte Miles.

Zeeland was organized as a village and received its first charter in 1905. The first town board, Frank Kraft, Adolph Boschee and Adolph Feinstein, a Catholic, Protestant and a Jew, mirrored the same spirit of cooperation and mutual trust as the pioneers showed. The town was ready to do business by the time the rails came through. The first store building was moved into town from Eureka. Others were built with lumber hauled from Eureka and Artas, South Dakota. These pioneer business men placed their spirit of trust and enthusiasm in the future, and what it had in store for them and future generations.

At a special election January 29, 1946, the village voted to be incorporated as a city under the council form of government. The members of the village board at that

time were Thomas Hilt, chairman, with the late Jacob Levi and Ben J. Wolf as trustees. The first regular city election was held April 1, 1946, at which time the late M. M. Braun was elected mayor and Jacob Levi, John Jangula, Jr. Thomas Hilt and Ben J. Wolf were elected aldermen.

Since then the city has achieved improvements such as municipal water and sewer system, modern street lighting, curb and gutter, and asphalt surface on Main Street, a dial telephone system with a new rural telephone project completed in 1962, extending service to approximately one hundred rural telephone users. With reorganization of the school district, a new, practical and modern high school and elementary grade building was completed in the fall of 1962, and staffed with sixteen qualified teachers. The district operates six large school busses. Though Zeeland is not on a state highway, modern all-weather roads lead into town from all directions. Zeeland has three active churches, all organized during its early years, and a park with athletic facilities used by the school. The city has a Volunteer Fire Dept., organized in 1931, with forty-five active members which has served the town and the surrounding rural area faithfully and efficiently. With the new rural telephones, they will be able to do an even better job. The people of Zeeland stand ready to serve the needs of this generation just as our forefathers took care of the needs of the pioneers.

Present city officials are Victor J. Reede, mayor; August E. Boschee, Thomas Hilt, Ben Jund and John Salwei, aldermen.

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COURT CASES

Every community has experienced some tragedy or violence over the years. Although the Ashley community has an excellent record in this regard, none the less, there have been a few crimes of sufficient serious nature and with enough public interest to be included in this history. The facts following have been garnered from courthouse records that are open for inspection by anyone interested.

THE SLIM FULKERSON CASE

This case was, no doubt, the first recorded murder case in the county. On the evening of the 22nd of January, 1906, three men were playing "smear" in the lobby of the Sioux Hotel (later known as the Home Hotel, and now operated as a rest home by Mrs. J. Marek and Anna Kautt). Little did they know that within a few hours two of the players would be dead. The men playing cards in this pioneer hotel were Hezekiah (Slim) Fulkerson, I. L. Drake, a dentist; and A. V. Townsend. Slim was a plasterer and stone mason and had been working on the Tony Bjornson drug store building (this building still stands and is operated as a hotel by Reinhold Spitzer). I. L. Drake was a Minneapolis dentist who had recently moved to Bismarck and made trips to Ashley where he had temporary quarters in the hotel. A. V. Townsend, according to his testimony at the coroner's inquest, was 32 years of age. He was a transient and his occupation or residence is unknown.

The three men were playing "smear" at 25 cents a game and 25 cents a setup. Dr. Drake won the first game and asked for 25 cents from Slim. The latter refused stating that the doctor owed him 45 cents from a previous game. The doctor claimed that he did not owe it. He then promised to pay him and Slim handed over the 25 cents. Thereupon the doctor again stated he did not owe Slim the 45 cents. After some angry argument Slim got up to leave, and the doctor stated that he almost got a poke in the eye and called Slim a dirty name. Slim called the doctor a dirty name and said he would fix him and left the hotel. Very shortly he returned with a Smith and Wesson revolver which he secured from the restaurant of Joseph M. Giblin. Slim invited the doctor outside and again called him a dirty name. Dr. Drake got up and rushed toward Slim, and the men clinched. Slim fired two times into the body of Drake who fell to the floor, dying almost immediately. Slim left the hotel immediately and disappeared into a raging blizzard. The weather was below zero. One week later his frozen body was found near Ventura.

The officials who conducted the inquest on the body of Dr. Drake were Attorney A. W. Clyde who acted in place of States Attorney, R. R. Hedtke who was out of town, Charles S. Johnstone, Justice of the Peace and acting coroner. The coroner's jury was Wellington Marlatt, Clifford Martin and Christ Schempp. H. M. Larimer was constable. Dr. E. H. Maercklein was the doctor who was called and examined the body and testified at the hearing. E. K. McGogy, who was then 62 years of age, was also a witness to the shooting and

testified. He was the father of J. N. McGogy, a long-time Soo Line depot agent and later postmaster. J. C. Goll, now living at the Patterson Hotel in Bismarck and probably the only living witness to the murder, was also present. Mr. Goll was the last man the dentist attended, professionally. They were late for supper and ate a sandwich in the kitchen. The doctor then sat down to the fatal game of "smear", little realizing that his death was so near. The hotel at the time was operated by W. R. Hawes. Emanuel Hildenbrand was county sheriff, with the name of Martin A. Godfrey, deputy, appearing in the proceedings.

Charles S. Johnstone was destined to again act as coroner when the body of Slim Fulkerson was found on the morning of January 28, 1906 on the southwest corner of the southwest quarter of section 18, township 129, range 70. The land is now owned by Adam Schnabel. The body of Slim was found by Franz Bauer, who was hunting. He hurried to Ventura for help, had Ashley authorities notified, then returned in the company of Johann Lippert, who conducted a general store there. Sheriff Emanuel Hildenbrand accompanied by Charles S. Johnstone, John Hildenbrand and Fred Roedel arrived at the scene shortly thereafter and the body was removed to Ashley. A coroner's jury of Jos. Schulz, John Geiszler and Fred Dockter was sworn. The inquest was conducted by States Attorney R. R. Hedtke before Charles S. Johnstone. Slim Fulkerson, whose short stay in Ashley brought tragedy and death to the community, is buried in the northeast corner of the Ashley cemetery. Almost nothing is known of Slim's background. Found on his body was a booklet of working rules of a plaster union of Albia, Iowa and a postcard from one, W. I. McBride.

THE KLINGSHIRN CASE

Early on the morning of August 9, 1925, the peace and quiet of the little village of Zeeland was disturbed by the violent and incessant ringing of the bell in the Catholic Church. First arrivals found the body of Jack Page lying in a pool of his own blood, and Henry Klingshirn in blood-soaked stocking feet pulling the bell cord. Page had been killed by two shots from a .38 caliber revolver. Both men were transients. They had arrived in Zeeland the day before and, according to Klingshirn, had spent the night in the vestibule of the church. Klingshirn's defense was that three men attempted to rob them and in the scuffle Page was shot, after which the men ran to their car and disappeared.

An inquest was held under the direction of I. E. Giedt, county coroner. The coroner's jury consisted of Adolph Sinkbeil, Jacob Jangula and John J. Beck. A verdict was rendered to the effect that according to the evidence the crime might have been committed by Klingshirn. He was, thereupon, arrested and bound over to the district court for trial by Justice of the Peace W. F. Kautt. He waived preliminary hearing. A. A. Ludwigs, states attorney, being absent in California, the coroner's hearing was conducted by Max A. Wishek, assistant states attorney. Daniel P. Erlenbusch was sheriff at the time.

COURT CASES — cont'd

At the trial in November, 1925, Klingshirn was defended by Franz Shubeck. Although a public search was made by the authorities and a large group of Zeeland citizens in the area around the church, the murder gun was not to be found and was not present when Klingshirn faced a McIntosh County jury. The jury found Klingshirn not guilty of the murder. The next spring the murder gun was found by Edwin Boschee while plowing a field near the church. Prosecution authorities feel that had the gun been available as evidence in the trial, Klingshirn would certainly have been found guilty. The man had a long record of arrests in many states. Page was a native of England. His family was contacted. Being of modest means, they did not claim the body which was buried in a cemetery in Zeeland.

A. A. Ludwigs, states attorney, was prosecutor.

ASHLEY REXALL DRUG

The Ashley Rexall Drug Store was originated in 1949 by Mr. and Mrs. Claris G. Olson at 224 West Main Street. It was moved to its present location at 118 Main Street in 1954. In October of 1960 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas N. Bischke of Dickinson purchased the store from Mr. and Mrs. Olson. Employees at the present time are Mrs. E. E. Wiedmann and Mrs. Ervin Denning.

McINTOSH COUNTY ATTORNEYS

Members of the legal profession have always played an important part in the affairs of the county and the city. Following is a list of lawyers from the early days on: John H. Wishek, Geo. W. Lilly, Geo. H. Fay, A. W. Clyde, W. W. Nutting, H. R. Knight, Franz Shubeck, G. M. Gannon, Hugo P. Remington, A. A. Ludwigs, R. R. Hedke, Geo. Purchase, Melvin George, John Rohwedder, Herbert Drews, I. A. Mackoff, A. O. Ginnow, Bernard Kelber, Homer Wishek, Max A. Wishek, Bruce Kretschmar, and William Kretschmar.

Other attorneys who practiced here for short periods were A. Leslie, J. A. McKee, A. H. Heashe, G. A. Rice, O. F. Grimm, and James Keely.

Several attorneys, not all practicing here, are graduates of Ashley High School: Herbert Drews, Max A. Wishek, Russell Johnstone, Homer Wishek, Theodore Kessel, August Doerr, William Kretschmar and Bernard Kelber.

Lawyers who practiced at Wishek were Arthur P. Guy, Harvey Platt, O. G. Abern, and Gordon Hoberg. Presently located at Wishek in the practice of law is Richard Emil Herr, son of Emil Herr, a Wishek pioneer family. Mr. Herr was born in Wishek October 31, 1929. He is a graduate of the Wishek High School and the University of North Dakota. He secured his law degree at Harvard in 1957.

In times past there were as many as 10 lawyers in Ashley and Wishek, but these have dwindled to but Max A. Wishek and Bruce Kretschmar and William Kretschmar in Ashley, and Richard Herr in Wishek.

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Having taken an active part in the development and growth of Ashley, we join so many others in extending best wishes for continued success and prosperity for all.

In memory of John H. Wishek, Sr., and John H. Wishek, Jr., now deceased.

WORLD WAR I INDUCTEES



Top row, left to right: unknown, David Grosz, Fred Eisenbeis, John Beck, Wm. Friedt, John Laemmle, Herman Braufman, George W. Medford, David Maier, Andrew Pokert, Gust Pfahl, Daniel Pfahl, Christ Fischer and Arnold Wiest.

Second row, left to right: Bernard Meidinger, Jacob Layer, William Bitz, Henry Kranzler, Sam Giedt, Christian Heilman,

Emil Herr, Joe Kanter, John Stepper, Fred Breitmeyer.

Bottom row, left to right: Fred C. Maier, Ted Giedt, John Ira Spurgeon, John Ziegenhagel, John Huether, Emanuel "Dutchy" Schock, John Meidinger, Harry Johnson, Fred Ackerman, Fred Walz, Wm. Weisser, unknown, John Schauer and Ed Zundel.

This is a picture of World War I draftees who were inducted at Ashley, March 28, 1918. Picture taken on south side of the small Courthouse annex. The committee in attempting to name all persons pictured on this and the other World War I pictures went to every town in the county and interviewed over 150 individuals. It is regretted that some of these men

could not be named. It is also possible that a few are incorrectly named. If so, it certainly was not intentional.

In addition to those named on the picture the following were inducted March 28, 1918: Oswald Guenther, David Ziegenhagel, Fred Reich Jr., Simon Labrenz, Carl Reinholt, Ralph Emerson Wilken and Berlin Joseph Hoium.



Top row, left to right: Gottlieb J. Iszler, Fred Miller, Ben Westpahl, Fred J. Klippel, Fred Schiermeister, Fred Fischer, Christ H. Pfeiffer, Christ Krein, Christ Stein, Fred Meidinger, Carl Kusler, Jacob Kappes, John Weisser, Michael Klein, and Joseph Schumacher.

Bottom row, left to right: Jacob Glaesman, Emanuel Bauder, Fred Rott, Ben Wagner, John Weber, Emanuel Koth, unknown, Mike Schlichenmayer, Gottlieb Walth, unknown, John J. Hoffman and Adam A. Ketterling.

This World War I group was inducted at Ashley, June 24, 1918. Two men on this picture are not identified. Fred Schmitt

was inducted at this time, but it was impossible to secure identification.

WORLD WAR I INDUCTEES



Back row, left to right: Andrew Just, Jacob Nill, Henry Hoff, Jacob Ernst, John Retzer, Reinhold Breitling, John Lacher, Gottlieb Sayler, Charley Faszer, Edward Wetzler, Christ-of Pfahl, John Walz, August Haupt and Fred Dockter.

Middle row, left to right: John Doerheim, Jr., Gust Bender, Christ Rall, John Maier, Henry Eissinger, John Schweigert,

Fred Rempfer, Rudolph Schmidt, Philip Ketterling, and Karl Wanner.

Front row, left to right: Jacob Heupel, Fred Hummel, Fred Dewald, Christ Janke, Ed Heupel, Jacob Becker, Daniel Wageman, Andrew Bertsch, August Bertsch, Andrew Schauer, Jacob Bender, August Thurn, Paul Pudwill, Ed Kusler, Jacob Dobler and John Wageman.



Ben Steinhaus
Local Agent

WORLD WAR I PICTURE



Back row, left to right: John Rudolph, Edward Kurle and LeRoy Brown.

Front row, left to right: Albert Moos, Jacob Knoll and Christ Sperle.

The above were inducted September 18, 1917.

OLD OPERA HOUSE



The old Opera House has served since pioneer times as a place of entertainment, socials, and many other types of gatherings, including dances. Many are the memories associated with this building in the minds of some of the adults and older persons of today. The building, which in its last days housed the Salzer Electric and Appliance Company, was razed by John Salzer in the spring of 1959.

The lower floor was occupied by many offices at different times. It has been the Schaber & Zinke Pool Hall, Graham Barber Shop, Dr. Leo Cohen dental office, telephone exchange, Moench Insurance office, and the rear portion for years housed the Ashley Tribune plant. Christ Anhorn and his wife also had an apartment on the lower floor while they owned this building. Behind this building is the Ed Glaesman repair shop.

THE LANG TRAGEDY

Undoubtedly the worst tragedy in the history of McIntosh County was the result of a fire, that on November 18, 1946, took the lives of six children when the family farm home was destroyed. The children of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lang of rural Lehr who died that terrible night were: Orpha Darlene, 13 years; Arbetella Arlene, 10; Darald Delbert, 8; Jennice Ivela, 6; Donna Mae, 4; and Bernice, 22 months old.

Mr. Lang was not at home, having departed with a truckload of cattle to Fargo that Sunday evening. The mother had banked the furnace at about 10 o'clock. Shortly afterward the family retired and everything seemed alright, according to Lester, 12, who with his mother, sister Betty, 7, and Robert, 10 months, were the only ones to escape the fire.

"All I know is I woke up and Mama was screaming 'fire'," Lester said. "I ran over and got Robert and carried him out the window. Betty and Mama went out the window, too."

Barefoot and clad only in night clothing, Mrs. Lang and the three children, frantic and helpless, stood in the farmyard in the biting cold night air early Monday morning between 12 o'clock and one A. M. watching their one-story frame home burn to the ground. They were powerless to help the other six children remaining in the blazing inferno. Screams of the trapped ones had already ceased when a neighbor, Ben Koepplin, arrived.

Deputy State Fire Marshall H. R. Handtmann, Bismarck, who investigated for the state, said there was a wooden partition near the furnace in the basement which may have ignited. No other theory of the cause of the fire was advanced, except that the gas from the smoldering, banked fire, may have exploded.

Three of the children slept in a bedroom in the basement and the other six in bedrooms on the first floor.

The tragedy so shocked the residents of the area and so touched their hearts, that money and clothing was donated generously to help the family. Carried nationwide in the daily press, the story also brought gifts and sympathy from people in other parts of the country.

R. & C. MOTOR COMPANY

The building occupied by the R. & C. Motor Company was constructed in 1946 by Gerald Coyle. On October 1, 1941, he came to Ashley and established an implement and car agency business in the Ford Garage building which he rented from Mr. Virgil Collins. When that building was sold to Gottlieb Klipfel, he employed Matt Nill to erect a new garage on the corner of 2nd Ave., NW and 1st St. NW., to which he transferred his business and merchandise.

At the present time Mr. Coyle deals in used-cars and employs Tom Gartner in the repair department.

THE ELECTRIC POWER STORY OF ASHLEY, NORTH DAKOTA

The original power plant established in Ashley according to available information was started and operated by Herman Zinke. At this writing the capacity of this power plant and the number of customers it served is not known.

Sometime prior to May, 1927, the power plant and distribution system was sold to Warren Clark. In May of 1927, Warren Clark sold it to the Otter Tail Power Company and they in turn sold to Northern Power and Light Company which eventually became Dakota Public Service Company.

At the time Northern Power and Light Company acquired the property, Ashley was served power over a 6900 volt transmission line from the sub station at Venturia, North Dakota. This transmission line was rebuilt in the 1930's and continued to be in service until 1950 where a new 69 KV line from Ellendale to Beulah was built and energy was supplied to Ashley from the sub station north of town.

In 1927 the town of Ashley had a 75 KW demand. Today the demand is rated at 1000 KW.

In the fall of 1945 Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. purchased the property from Dakota Public Service Company and took over the operation in May of 1946.

This was the period immediately following World War II, a time when essential electrical material was in very short supply. As material became available in larger amounts Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. immediately started a rebuilding and maintenance program to improve the property.

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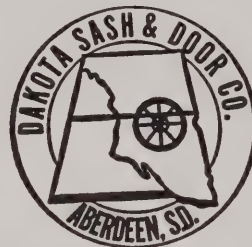
WALKER CREAM AND PRODUCE

Elroy H. Walker is the owner and operator of the above business, having purchased it July, 1959 from Andrew Weber who, under the name of A. Weber and Son and later Weber Produce, operated in a building next door to the present location, beginning business in 1937.

In addition to cash buying of cream, eggs, poultry, hides and furs, Mr. Walker handles a full line of livestock feeds. During the first two years, he combined a freight interchange station with produce buying. In February, 1962 he acquired the distributorship of Fairmont Products, presently serving stores in Ashley and Venturia. He is assisted by his wife and son and an employee, John A. Bertsch. He is owner of the building occupied at 209 W. Main, which was purchased from Andrew Weber.

Elroy H. Walker was born and reared in McPherson County, South Dakota where he received his elementary education. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Walker, operated a cream station at Long Lake, South Dakota for a period of thirteen years. In 1946 the family moved to Ashley where Elroy was employed by various businessmen. In 1950 he married Anna M. Weisser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jakob Weisser. Born and reared on a farm near Ashley, she had attended McIntosh County public school, graduated from Ashley High School, attended Normal School at Ellendale, North Dakota, and for two years taught a rural McIntosh County school. At the time of their marriage she was employed as deputy County Superintendent of Schools. Mr. and Mrs. Walker made their

home at Enterprise, Alabama while he served with the National Guard unit of the 47th Infantry Division at Camp Rucker, Alabama during the Korean War. Upon his discharge in September, 1952 the couple and infant son returned to Ashley. During the years 1953 through 1959, when he purchased his own business, Mr. Walker was employed by the Ashley Creamery. Mrs. Walker is presently employed as Price Support Clerk at the McIntosh County ASCS, which position she has held the past ten years. They have three children: Richard, age ten; Valerie, age five; and Karla Ann, the first baby born in the McIntosh County Memorial Hospital in the Jubilee Year, 1963.



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ASHLEY IMPLEMENT COMPANY

Original and present site of the Ashley Implement Company is Lot 8 of Block 12 of the original townsite of Ashley. It was acquired under warranty deed by Gulack and Gravdale from Northwestern Construction and Improvement Company on August 9, 1889. Henry Gravdale conveyed his interest in the property in May, 1901, to his partner, G. O. Gulack.

On January 16, 1904, G. O. Gulack and wife sold the premises to Johannes Geiszler. From the best available information it can be said that the frame building that was removed from the lot in the summer of 1962 was constructed by Mr. Geiszler about 1904. The property and business was sold in March of 1916 by Mr. Geiszler and his wife, Helen A. Geiszler, to Farmers Implement and Land Company, a corporation. This company was organized by John H. Wishek (Sr.), George Gackle and Peter Billigmeier, J. F. George, Joe Schulz, W. L. Johnson and Fred Ziegenhagel. J. F. George was secretary and treasurer, and F. W. Roeszler worked as an assistant.

In 1921 J. A. Meidinger was elected manager, a position he held until 1931. R. G. Mensing became manager in February, 1932. In July, 1935, the Ashley Implement Company was organized, succeeding the Farmers Implement, with R. G. Mensing continuing as manager.

Mensing was succeeded by John A. George who had previously managed the Danzig Hardware and Implement business at Danzig. Mr. George continued as manager and secretary until his unfortunate death in April, 1961. John George was identified with this business for many years and was widely known for his friendly and fair treatment of his customers.

The present officers are Max A. Wishek, president; Lillian Dempsey, vice-president; Harold Schnabel, manager and secretary-treasurer. Max Wishek, Jr. is a director.

Harold Schnabel, who joined the company August 1, 1959, took over as manager and became secretary upon the death of John A. George. The company has expanded in recent years, having constructed a new building at a cost of \$25,000.00 in 1962. Their shop has been completely outfitted with new equipment, and they claim to have the most modern and efficient shop, with latest diesel equipment, in southern North Dakota.

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Murel Haas, Parts
Harold Schnabel, Sales
LeRoy Ruff, Mechanic
Floyd E. Goehring, Mechanic
Sanro Fink, Mechanic
Oswald Fischer, Salesman



Left to right: LeRoy Ruff, Floyd E. Goehring, Murel Haas, Oswald Fischer, Harold Schnabel and Sanro Fink.

Max A. Wishek, President

Lillian Wishek Dempsey, Vice-President

Max Wishek, Jr., Treasurer

THE ASHLEY CREAMERY

In 1919, a new building was erected in Ashley by the Farmers' Co-operative Milling Company. It was intended for use as a flour mill, but was never opened for business, and it eventually reverted to the county because of non-payment of taxes.

In 1930, J. J. Fernholz and others acquired title to the building and installed modern butter-making machinery, all operated electrically.

In addition to butter-making, the company was for some years engaged in the wholesale distribution of beer.

Among those assisting in the management of the creamery, prior to 1939, were: Mr. Fernholz, R. R. Spitzer, Wm. Serr, Rudolph Spitzer, Walter Retzer, Jacob Ehley and Ed Rau.

In 1939, Martin Bertsch came into the creamery as buyer of cream, eggs, and poultry. Prior to that time, he had bought cream in Venturia for the Venturia Farmers Association, beginning there in 1931.

He was butter-maker from 1940 to 1943, and became manager in January, 1943.

Mrs. Oscar Erlenbusch has been secretary of the company since 1943; Theodore Bollinger has been butter-maker since 1945; Reuben Meidinger has been in charge of the cream route since 1954, and Art Becker is in charge of the egg route. Adam Bertsch, Thomas Bertsch and Ronnie Goehring are general plant employees.

ASHLEY ABSTRACT COMPANY

The Ashley Abstract Company, a corporation, is a successor to an abstract company founded by John H. Wishek, Sr. in territorial days. For many years this business was carried on by W. L. Johnson. In 1928, F. F. Bender became associated with the Ashley State Bank and about 1932 he commenced doing abstract work. In November, 1935 the present corporation was formed with W. L. Johnson, Homer C. Wishek, Paul J. Wishek, John H. Wishek, Jr., Max A. Wishek and F. F. Bender as stockholders. Paul J. Wishek was elected president; W. L. Johnson, vice-president; and F. F. Bender, secretary-treasurer. F. F. Bender has been conducting the abstract business for the past 31 years, making him one of the oldest abstracters in the state from the point of service.

Mr. Bender, through years of experience and an aptitude for this type of work, has become such an authority on courthouse records that his services and assistance have been put to use by literally hundreds of persons seeking information from the records. He has become a worthy successor to W. L. Johnson who had established a similar reputation in that capacity.

Present officers of the corporation are Max A. Wishek, Sr., president; Lillian Dempsey, vice-president; and F. F. Bender, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Albert Maier has served for many years as assistant-secretary and stenographer.

McINTOSH COUNTY WILDLIFE ASSOCIATION

On June 5, 1947, a group of local sportsmen met in the City Hall to organize a wildlife association. The officers elected were: Dr. E. H. Maercklein, president; Steve Tuchscher, vice-president; Walter Froh, secretary and treasurer.

The McIntosh County Wildlife Association was the name chosen for the club. Dues were set at two dollars per year for adults, which included membership in the North Dakota Wildlife Federation and subscription to the magazine, "Outdoors." Junior dues were fifty cents. There were twenty-two adult and three junior members in this first group.

Some of the projects undertaken by the local wildlife club since its organization include the following: the forming of a refuge for upland game during the hunting season; fishing derbys were held; a wildlife conservation program was organized in the rural schools; a gun-handling course was offered to younger boys; delegates attended state meetings sponsored by the club; wildlife books were ordered and placed in the library for public use and trap shoots were held.

At present the club has fifty-one members. The dues are three dollars, including the magazine. Present officers are: Stanley Dobler, president; Milton Walz, vice-president; and Marvin Lehr, secretary and treasurer.

CONSOLIDATED PROPANE GAS CO.

The Consolidated Propane Gas Co. was formed in Aberdeen, South Dakota October 15, 1945, employing just two men. That same year they started transporting refined fuel, and in 1957 they expanded to include a complete service department. In May of 1961 a branch plant was established at Ashley. In July, 1961 they began to transport their own propane.

The company now employs thirteen men. Edmund H. Walth is the manager of the Ashley plant. Ralph O. Hauge is the general manager of Consolidated Propane Gas Co-op.

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Wishek, North Dakota

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Elmer E. Schultz, Vice President

Evelyn Schultz, Secretary and Treasurer

Martin Bertsch, Manager

Esther Erlenbusch, Secretary

Theodore C. Bollinger, Buttermaker



Top row, Left to Right: Ronnie Goehring, Rueben Meidinger, Thomas Bertsch, and Adam G. Bertsch.

Bottom Row, Left to Right: Theodore C. Bollinger, Esther Erlenbusch, and Martin Bertsch.

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THE RED OWL AGENCY



The present Red Owl Agency grew out of the general merchandising business begun in 1904 by the pioneer settler and merchant, Jakob Spitzer. Until 1934 the store was known as The Golden Rule. Mr. Spitzer had a family of twelve children, and as the sons and daughters grew old enough they

helped their father in the family store, gaining valuable experience and learning merchandising from him.

In 1945 the two sons, Emil and Edwin, bought the store and operated it until 1947, when the brothers agreed to divide the store. Edwin Spitzer and his wife, Elsie, operated the dry goods and ready-to-wear departments. Emil Spitzer and his wife, Ella, operated the Red Owl Agency and the men's ready-to-wear.

In 1960, Edwin Spitzer sold out his dry goods and clothing business and moved to Arizona.

Easy's Red Owl Agency then took over the entire building for an improved and expanded, modern grocery store. Emil Spitzer has been in the store for thirty-six years, having managed the store for his father for a good many years before he and his brother bought it.

Emil and Ella Stube Spitzer were married June 3, 1934 and are the parents of four children: Jackie, born December 1, 1936, wife of Roger Krueger, Aberdeen, South Dakota. They have two children, Candy, age four and Bradley, age two; Charles, born October 21, 1943, married to Joyce Kramer, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Pamela, born December 23, 1947 and Debra, born November 8, 1954, are both still at home and are attending school in Ashley.

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REINIE'S MARKET

One of the better success stories of an Ashley business enterprise is furnished by the history of Reinhold Feil. This business, now known as Reinie's Super Market, located on Lots 10 and 11 of Block 11 of Ashley, was started by Reinie Feil on a rather small "shoestring" prior to the drought year of 1937. In that year he sold the business which was then located in the Mrs. Mary Straub building on what is now known as First Avenue NW to Adam Rott. After operating the business for a period, Mr. Rott sold it to Christ Weiszhaar who operated it until the fall of 1940. The drought years had taken their toll and the languishing business was discontinued.

The idle equipment was purchased by Mr. Feil in January of 1941 and moved to the building known as the Maethner building (now occupied by the Klipfel Heating Company), and the new business opened its doors to the public on February 15, 1941. Mr. Feil had learned the marketing business while working for a chain store, and with modern merchandising methods and good crops was an instant success.

In the fall of 1943 he moved the expanding business to Main Street into the former A. W. Meidinger building which he had purchased from Ben Geiszler. This site had been

occupied by Adam Reich who operated a Gamble Store there for a number of years. Mr. Feil completely remodeled the building and installed a large section of 350 frozen food lockers. The processing of livestock had been an important part of the business and this department continued to increase in volume after the lockers were installed.

Growth of the business required further expansion in 1947 and again in 1954 at which time the present building was enlarged to 50 x 130 feet and a full grocery line was added. Mr. Feil processes approximately 500 head of livestock each year. The business has long enjoyed a wide reputation for both its bologna and "bratwurst". This department is still headed by George Glur, who at one time worked with Emil Maethner. Both men were considered two of the best sausage makers in the area. The business usually produces up to 75,000 pounds of sausage per year.

The business presently employs five people: George Glur, stepfather of Mr. Feil; Carl Glur, a half-brother; Mrs. Theo. Bauer, the former Maggie Sackmann; Mrs. Walter Ehley and Paul Kauk. Employed part-time are Mrs. Andrew Sackmann and James Bertsch.

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REINHOLD FEIL, OWNER

ASHLEY, NORTH DAKOTA



Posing in Aisle 1 — Mr. and Mrs. Reinie Feil and sons, Marvin and Gary

OTTO'S BAR

The building presently housing Otto's Bar was constructed in 1901, and at that time was occupied by the First State Bank of Ashley. This establishment remained in operation until 1931 when it closed its doors.

At that time Samuel Fischer became owner of the building and decided to make a two-story structure of it. However, the entire structure was never quite completed. He used the building as a furniture store until 1934 when the building was sold to Art E. Maethner.

Mr. Maethner then leased it to Adam Reich, who used it to house a Gamble Store. In 1937 it was leased to Jake Klipfel who operated it as a beer parlor until 1939. It was then leased by Gust and Elsie Pfahl who also operated it as a beer parlor until the year 1946.

The property was then bought by Otto Helfenstein and John B. Retzer. This partnership was dissolved one year later. At this time Otto took full ownership of the bar and is still operating it. Mr. Helfenstein completely remodeled and modernized the building.

In 1948 the second story, which had been started by Samuel Fischer, was completed. Since that time it has been used as living quarters by Mr. and Mrs. Helfenstein and family.

SACKMANN SALES AND SERVICE

Martin Sackmann is one of a number of business men in Ashley who formerly engaged in farming, and who converted successfully to the business life of our community. His present business was started when Adam Rott in 1944 and 1945 purchased Lots 3-4-5 of Block 62 in the northern part of Ashley and purchased a small building from the Ventura territory and moved it onto the lots. In 1945 he became the local agent for J. I. Case farm machinery. In 1946 he also began shipping in lumber so he added a new addition to the building, making it its present size. He dealt in both lines of business until January 1949 when he sold out to Martin and Lorenz Sackmann of Ashley.

In the fall of 1949 the Sackmanns purchased Lot 2 on the north side of the building from Wishek Investment Co., thus enlarging their place of business. They deal only in Case parts and machinery and other miscellaneous items. Their place of business is known as Sackmann Sales and Service.

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Ashley, North Dakota

BERTSCH'S FEDERATED STORE

About 1901 John Geiszler, Theo. Gulack and A. Weber built the building now occupied by Emil and Lydia Bertsch as a clothing store. The building was later acquired by John Lippert who for many years conducted a general merchandise store. This was later taken over by August Lippert and his son Albert, and conducted as Lippert and Son until 1936 when Albert became the sole owner. Emil F. Bertsch was employed by Albert Lippert from 1937 to 1943, when he bought the stock from Albert Lippert, and conducted the business as The Lippert Store until 1945, when Robert Bertsch bought half interest. The business was then conducted as Bertsch Bros. for one year. In 1946 the two brothers sold one third of the business to another brother, Henry J. Bertsch, at which time they also bought the building from Albert Lippert. In March 1946 they became affiliated with Butler Brothers Federated Stores and conducted the business as Federated Store. In 1955 Emil bought Henry's interest in the business, and in 1957 he also acquired Robert's interest and became the sole owner of the store. Since then the business has been conducted as Bertsch's Federated Store, Emil and Lydia Bertsch, Owners. They employ Katherina Schock as full time clerk, Alma Baumann and Florence Bertsch as part-time clerks, with assistance from their children, James and Janice, who are seniors in high school and Douglas, who is a senior at Moorhead State College.

SCHOCK'S DRY GOODS STORE

E. W. Schock has been in business since 1922 when he opened a hardware store in the Union State Bank building, which is now occupied by Andy's Bar. In 1937 he sold his interest in the hardware to his brother, Gottlieb. In 1936 he bought the present building from John J. Lammle. In 1937 E. W. and Ida Schock purchased a grocery store and added 40' x 60' to the rear of the building, and also put up a new front. In the spring of 1938 they added a general merchandise and ready-to-wear for women, men and children. In 1955 they sold the Super Valu grocery to Eugene Bertsch, and now operate only the general merchandise and ready-to-wear. Their daughter, Arllys, is also employed in the store. Their son, Dennis, operates a Hereford farm.

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ASHLEY DISTRIBUTING CO.

Ashley Distributing Company originated in Ashley, North Dakota in June of 1947, a partnership of Gail Hernet and Walter E. Hoerth, selling Grain Belt Beer wholesale. This business was started anew, and served the counties of McIntosh, Emmons, Logan, Dickey, part of LaMoure, part of Stutsman, and part of Burleigh. It is located on the Soo line right of way or 422 N.W. 2 in Ashley, North Dakota. A new quonset building was erected, 40' x 60', with an addition of a 12' x 20' walk-in cooler, and one used truck. New trucks were very much in demand in those years, and we had to settle for that for one year, when we purchased a new truck, and a used pickup truck. Beer sales were very good in those years; we would get in a carload of beer and load it in the truck and sell same without putting in the warehouse. Some retailers would even call up and ask when the carload is to arrive and make it a point to be here with a truck to see that they received their share.

In 1950 Mr. Hernet, becoming more involved in the banking business and wanting me to own my own business, offered it to me as a sole owner whereupon I, Walter Hoerth, took his offer and since that time it is my own business.

Since then we are operating two trucks out of Ashley, and one big semi-trailer to truck our own beer in from Minneapolis. Also in 1956 I received the franchise to sell Budweiser beer. Since then it's Grain Belt and Budweiser.

I am a life long resident of North Dakota, being born in Zeeland, North Dakota on October 6, 1913, went to grade school at Zeeland, and also graduated from high school at Zeeland in 1932. While attending school I worked on the farm in the summer months, and also on week ends, also helped my father with carpenter work in the later years, had saved

all the money I made for a college education, but when I was through high school the banks closed and I lost every bit I had saved, so there was no college for me.

In 1933 when beer became legal in North Dakota my father started a beer parlor, and I worked for him until 1936, when he sold out to another party. In 1936 I started my own tavern in a rented building, two used pool tables, and a good credit rating. I managed to pull through the depression fairly good.

In 1938 I was married to Elizabeth Bollinger of Herreid, South Dakota. That same year my parents and family moved to Lodi, California. I then bought their home, and at the same time a business building which I had moved on to Main street in Zeeland, completely remodeled. I then moved my liquor and beer tavern into a new building which I was proud to own. During World War II, I was drafted for the army, so I leased my place for three years. After getting the examination at Fort Snelling, I found out I was not physically fit for the army, so there I was, not in the army, and no more business. I was not about to lay around doing nothing, so I purchased a service station from Ben Wolf of Zeeland. After the three year lease was up on my tavern I took it over again and with extra help I managed both tavern and service station until 1947 when I moved to Ashley.

In April 1944 we became the parents of a son, Randall, who attended Ashley grade school, and graduated from the Ashley high school in 1962, and is now attending U.N.D. at Grand Forks, North Dakota, for his first year of college.

In September of 1948 we were blessed with another son, Kenneth, who is still home with us and is attending Ashley's new high school as a freshman.

ASHLEY DISTRIBUTING CO.

ASHLEY, NORTH DAKOTA



WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTOR



GRAIN BELT — BUDWEISER BEER

THE ASHLEY FORD AGENCY

The Ashley Ford dealership was originated in 1910 by V. S. Collins, whose successors were Gottlieb Klipfel, the Weisser Brothers and the present owner, Samuel Weisz.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Weisz purchased the Ford dealership franchise in 1958 from the Weisser Brothers. The Weisz family established residence in Ashley, having previously resided on a farm seventeen miles west of Leola, South Dakota. Mr. Weisz continues to operate the farm as a sideline to the Ford business.

Albert Weisser remained as a salesman for approximately a year. His brother, Gideon, continued behind the counter as partsman until 1961, thus completing fifteen successive years as partsman for the Ford dealership in Ashley. He is presently employed in a like capacity in Aberdeen, South Dakota. The bookkeeper at that time was Mrs. Loretta Haas. Mechanics were Oscar Erlenbusch and Kenneth Meidinger.

In November 1959 Mr. Weisz's son Earl, along with his family moved to Ashley from Rapid City, South Dakota. He replaced Mrs. Haas as bookkeeper and in 1961 took over as partsman when Gideon Weisser discontinued his employment with the Ford Agency. At present he also serves as assistant manager.

Ervin Spiry joined the force when he was employed by Mr. Weisz as service manager. Spiry was the only service man until 1962, when a competent young man, Roger Petersen of Milbank, South Dakota, was employed in the shop to give it a great boost.

The building in which Mr. Weisz conducts his business is located on Main Street and is owned by Mrs. Alvina Klipfel, wife of the late Gottlieb Klipfel, a former owner of the Ford Agency.

SCHUMACHER AUTO AND IMPLEMENT

Adolph Schumacher is the owner and operator of the "Schumacher Auto and Implement", possessing the franchise for Minneapolis Moline implements and Buick cars.

It was purchased from H. J. Schulz in 1947 and was then operated under the name, "Maier and Schumacher", of which Jakob F. Maier, Albert Maier and Adolph Schumacher were in partnership until 1957. At that time, Adolph Schumacher became sole owner. He is assisted by Mrs. Schumacher as bookkeeper and Calvin E. Weber as shop mechanic.

This place of business was at one time owned by Joe Schulz and Sons Company, later by Schulz and George, and then by H. J. Schulz until 1947.

The Schumachers have three daughters: Sylvia, a sophomore at Wartburg College at Waverly, Iowa, Karen Kay, a junior in high school, and Georgia Ann in the third grade.

COAST TO COAST STORES

The Coast-to-Coast Stores was established as a hardware and automotive accessories store in Ashley in April, 1946. Gust Blessing and Wilmer Just were the original owners and operated the store as partners. The store occupied the corner building next to the McIntosh County Bank. The Ashley store was the 395th store in a voluntary chain of independently owned hardware stores. At present there are over 1,000 stores in the group.

In the fall of 1947, Omar Holland bought the store from Mr. Blessing and Mr. Just. Even though he only kept the store about a year and a half, he apparently found Ashley to his liking for he married Anna Harter before leaving to buy another Coast-to-Coast Store in Ellendale. Gene Ockert bought the store from the Hollands at that time, in early 1949. First Ray Geidt and then Calvin Weber was employed to help operate the store.

In September 1951, the Ockerts sold the store to Joe Little and moved to California. Christ Retzer was employed by Mr. Little. Oliver Dewald also worked part-time in the store and he and Joe did contract painting. However, Joe's health failed and for many months he was unable to be in the store. During his absence Otto Maier assisted Mr. Retzer in operating the store. As a result of his illness, Joe sold the store in March of 1954 to Wayne Rowe, who continues to operate it at the present time. Mr. Retzer continued to work in the business until January, 1957.

In August of 1959, the Rowes built the building which now houses the business, just one-half block east of the original location. This building is 25' x 132' and provides nearly double the previous space. October 17th, exactly two months after breaking ground, the Grand Opening in the new building was held.

The present staff includes Mr. and Mrs. Rowe and Mrs. Ada Schaeffer.

SCHOCK HARDWARE

Schock Hardware had its start thirty-seven years ago as a partnership of two brothers, Emmanuel and Gottlieb Schock. This business had as its home a building erected by the late John K. Schaeffer in 1907. Gottlieb Schock acquired the interests from his brother Emmanuel in 1937, and continued as an independent business merchant until his untimely death in September of 1955. During that time the business expanded and in 1948 a new 25 x 110 ft. structure was erected and added to the old structure to facilitate an ever-expanding business.

In September of 1955, a few weeks before the death of Mr. Schock, a tragic fire destroyed both buildings, laying to waste a business that had taken his adult lifetime to build.

In September of 1956, a new 50 x 110 ft. tile and brick building was open to the public as the new home of Schock Hardware. This was built by the present owner, Floyd Schock, son of Gottlieb Schock, and is at present under the management of Isadore Lang, employee of twenty four years.

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Roger Petersen, Mechanic

BENDEWALD BARBER SHOP



The Bendewald Barber Shop is owned and operated by Reinhold J. Bendewald. This business was formerly known as the Sanitary Barber Shop. Mr. Bendewald purchased the business from Mr. W. L. Hein in 1950 and the building in 1952. Originally the building was erected by the late G. D. Grosz and has been a barber shop for over 40 years. The interior of the building was completely modernized and remodeled in 1959.

Reinhold Bendewald is a 1947 graduate of the Moler Barber College of Fargo.

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Left to right: Norman Denning, Herbert Janke, Gottlieb Pfeifle, Ervin Wagner, Clifford Hummel, Melvin Blumhardt, John Miller, Emil Wiedmann, Willis Roeszler, Alfred Dobler, Duane Pfeifle, Gideon Dobler, Reinhold Iszler, Mrs. Gideon Dobler, Eldo Miller, Mrs. Grant Beveridge, Walter Schlabsz, Mrs. Alfred Dobler, Mrs. Oscar Stugelmayer, John Wagner, Mrs. Willis Roeszler and Philip Dockter. (Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Saylor, and Harry Hettick, Auctioneer, are not on the picture.)



Left to right: Mrs. Adam Walker, Mrs. Clifford Hummel, Mrs. Gottlieb Dollinger, Mrs. Ernest Oberlander, Mrs. Gideon Dobler, Mrs. Myron Schlepp. (Mrs. Reinie Iszler, not pictured.)

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Owner and Manager

HOLTE FUNERAL HOME

The Holte Funeral Home was started as a branch funeral home under the Holte Funeral Home of Ellendale, North Dakota in the summer of 1947. The Holte Funeral Home of Ellendale has been in continuous service since 1882.

In August of 1948, Leslie Laudon moved to Ashley and managed the funeral home until the present date and continues to serve in that capacity.

The funeral home has been located in the Spitzer Bros. building since the funeral home was started. Remodeling has continued through the years.

On January 1, 1963, the Holte Funeral Homes of Ellendale, Ashley, and Edgeley was incorporated with H. C. Holte, Ralph L. Holte, Leslie Laudon and Ervin R. Spitzer as incorporators and directors.

We appreciate the confidence the people of this community have placed in us and shall continue to give the best of Ambulance and Funeral Service to this community.

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ROESZLER LUMBER, INC.

The yard at Ashley located at 124 2nd Ave. North was built in 1909 by the Zimmerman Lumber Company and later acquired by Wells-Thompson Co. Thompson Yards purchased the yard in 1917 and operated it until 1957 at which time it became a Weyerhaeuser Yard. The company as Roeszler Lumber, Inc. was established in 1960. Leonard Roeszler is the present manager.

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ASHLEY, NORTH DAKOTA

FARMERS UNION OIL COMPANY

The year 1963 marks the celebration of the 1st anniversary of the Farmers Union Oil Company of Ashley, along with the 75th Anniversary of the City of Ashley. We, the stockholders, wish to extend our congratulations and best wishes for a prosperous future to the City of Ashley, and to the farmers of this community.

The origin of this cooperative stems back to November of 1961, when a group of farmers gathered at the McIntosh County Courthouse to organize a cooperative. A temporary board of directors at that time was elected, which at a later date became the permanent board of directors, for a term of one year, at a special meeting of the stockholders. On 12 December 1961 the temporary board then incorporated with Oscar Rau, President, Richard Vanourny, Vice president, James R. Huber, Secretary-Treasurer, John M. Geiszler and Gust Puhlman as directors.

The Farmers Union Oil Company of Ashley is a cooperative which is owned and operated by the farmers of the Ashley community. A canvass to sell stock was made in Ashley and the rural community. When completed, there were approximately 65 original stockholders, and this number has been increasing steadily. Equipment was purchased and Dwight Roll was hired as manager. With the steady increase of business, one man could no longer give efficient service to all the patrons at this time, so Gerald Goettle was hired as a second man.

On 1 March 1962 the doors of the Farmers Union Oil Company were opened for business. Since that time we have enjoyed doing a prosperous business with many fine people in the Ashley community. We wish to thank everyone for their fine patronage, and wish to extend our invitation to those fine folks who have not stopped by to talk to our manager and take advantage of the fine quality products and service the Farmers Union Oil Company of Ashley has to offer.

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ASHLEY'S MALE QUARTET



Pictured above, left to right: Adolph Thurn, F. F. Bender, Bruce Kretschmar, Ephraim Schrenk

The Ashley Male Quartet was organized in 1926 under the name of Luther League Quartet and under the direction of Reverend George L. Sprattler, Pastor of the Evangelical Zion Lutheran Church of Ashley, North Dakota. This Quartet consisted of F. F. Bender, first tenor; Adolph Thurn, second tenor; J. D. Stabler, baritone, and Reverend George L. Sprattler, bass. All members of the quartet were members of the Luther League at that time and several years thereafter.

In February 1932 Walt Schmidt was taken into the organization in place of the Reverend George L. Sprattler, as bass. The Reverend Sprattler accepted a call to Billings, Montana.

At this time the quartet changed its name to the Ashley Male Quartet.

After the latter four got together they practiced popular numbers and Negro Spirituals in connection with the Sacred and Secular numbers under the direction of Eva L. Schmidt with Florence Schmidt, accompanist. This group broadcasted considerable over radio stations and sang for many occasions and Jubilees through the years up to 1945. Due to the illness of J. D. Stabler the quartet was inactive for a short period and after his demise in 1945, Walt Schmidt accepted a position in Bismarck, North Dakota.

After a short period the two men were replaced by Howard Mansager and B. F. Heitzman. Within a couple of years, Howard Mansager moved away and he was replaced by Morris Broschat. This group sang together until about 1947 when Broschat moved away.

In 1948 Heitzman and Broschat were replaced by Bruce E. Kretschmar and E. J. Schrenk and an entire change was made: F. F. Bender continued as first tenor; B. E. Kretschmar, second tenor; Adolph Thurn, baritone and E. J. Schrenk, bass. This organization added a variety of numbers to their repertoire by constant practicing and did much entertaining locally, appearing at celebrations scattered throughout the two Dakotas, and airing their renditions through radio stations of various networks.

E. J. Schrenk moved to Oregon in 1960 and since that time the three are still searching for an ambitious bass to fill the lost chord.



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ASHLEY, NORTH DAKOTA

McINTOSH COUNTY BANK

ASHLEY, NORTH DAKOTA

It may come as a surprise to some that the McIntosh County Bank was organized September 15, 1911 at Danzig, North Dakota, and that the first stockholders were Christ Hieb, M. Hieb, G. E. Schlechter, E. J. Schlechter, E. A. Movius, P. Billigmeier, Geo. Gackle, John Buchholz, S. Wittmayer, John M. Roth, Theo. Donner, Karl Stading, Paul Buchholz, Emanuel Matties, E. M. Michaelsohn, A. Giedt, E. M. Donner, John Moe, and P. R. Remmich.

These stockholders elected Geo. Gackle, president; John Buchholz, vice-president; and E. J. Schlechter, cashier.

The controlling stock was acquired in 1913, by J. H. Wishek, Peter Billigmeier and Geo. Gackle. Peter Billigmeier was elected president and J. H. Wishek, a director.

The following year, Wm. B. Maercklein was elected cashier, a position he held until April, 1924, when he was succeeded by R. G. Mensing. A. E. Bietz was added to the staff in the capacity of assistant-cashier in January of 1928. In August of that year he was elected cashier.

The name of the bank was changed to Farmers State Bank of Zeeland in January of 1934, when the bank was moved to that city. M. J. Kempf was elected cashier in February, succeeding A. E. Bietz who left the county to engage in farming near Mayville, North Dakota. During the same month John H. Wishek, Jr. was elected president, and A. J. Hezel was named vice-president. When M. J. Kempf resigned in October of 1934, to accept a position in Bismarck, North Dakota, A. J. Hezel succeeded him as cashier and G. H. Hernett was elected assistant-cashier. Due to Mr. Hezel's death in February, 1934, G. H. Hernett was elected cashier and held the position until August, 1935 when W. A. Melchert, who had been the cashier of the Zeeland State Bank, was elected cashier, and Mr. Hernett was re-elected assistant-cashier. The board of directors in January, 1936, elected Max A. Wishek president of the bank, succeeding John H. Wishek, Jr., who had accepted a position with the State of North Dakota. In April of 1938, W. A. Melchert resigned and G. H. Hernett succeeded him as cashier. In September of 1939 Edna Kessel of Ashley was named teller.

February, 1940, saw the beginning of the necessary proceedings to change the name of the bank from Farmers State Bank of Zeeland to the McIntosh County Bank of Ashley, as it is known today, and moving of the main office from Zeeland to Ashley was completed on April 3, 1940. A paying and receiving station was maintained at Zeeland, and a few years later a similar office was opened at Lehr. This arrangement has continued to this day.

At this time Gottlieb Kessel was elected president; Gottlieb Klipfel, vice-president; G. H. Hernett, cashier; F. F. Bender, assistant-cashier; Lydia Weber and Edna Kessel, tellers.

Gottlieb Klipfel succeeded Gottlieb Kessel as president

in January, 1955, which position he held until his death in the fall of 1955. He was succeeded by G. H. Hernett as president, and in January of 1956 Lydia Weber was elected cashier.

The directors and officers of the bank at the present time are as follows: Chairman of the Board, Max A. Wishek, who was elected to that position in January of 1959. Directors: F. F. Bender, Wade H. Zick, John H. Hoeven, Jr., and G. H. Hernett. Officers: F. F. Bender, president; John H. Hoeven, Jr., executive vice-president, who assumed the duties of executive officer of the bank on March 1, 1963, replacing G. H. Hernett who voluntarily retired; Lydia Weber, cashier; Gideon Raile, assistant-cashier and manager of the Ashley Realty Company; Wade H. Zick, assistant-cashier and manager of the Zeeland office; and Lester Dempsey, assistant-cashier and manager of the Lehr office. He succeeded Vernon Scherbenske, who resigned as of May 15, 1963, after devoting many years to the bank in the Lehr community.

Through the years, the McIntosh County Bank has experienced a steady and healthy growth along with the general economic development of the county. It has endeavored to take care of the needs of its customers over the many years and will continue to do so in the future. The fact that this goal has been achieved is evidenced by the healthy condition of the institution. The McIntosh County Bank has and will continue to expand its services to meet the demands of the community in the future to help promote its growth and prosperity.

Bank officials are presently working on plans for the new addition to be erected on the lot east of the present building. It is planned to commence construction this year.

Following are employees who were associated with the bank since 1940, other than officers and directors: Edna Kessel, Zeeland and Ashley; Lydia Weber, Zeeland and Ashley; H. H. Moench, Manager of the Zeeland office; Elsie Moench, Dolores Huether, Norma Fischer, Eddie H. Glur, Ashley and Lehr; Blanche M. Boschee, Zeeland office; LeNora Grueneich, Ashley and Lehr; Jean Drewelow, Bernice Klipfel, Ann Glur, Lehr office; Phyllis Meidinger, Violet Huber, Zeeland; Evelyn Scherbenske, Lehr; Ervin E. Rempfer, Zeeland; Loretta Klipfel, Milton Schauer, Bernese Huber, Zeeland; Irma Schlenker, Marcella Rempfer, Zeeland; Gladys Sinkbeil, Zeeland; Walter Ketterling, Lehr; Marion Schock, Romona Ochsner, Zeeland; Bonnie Roeszler, Reinhold Kramer, Ashley and Lehr; Lorraine Wahl, Georgia Sayler, Francis Streifel, Zeeland; Mary Ann Maerz, Arlene Wiest, Zeeland; Wm. D. Dobler, Lucille Rott, Marilyn Maier, Verneda Wolff, Nina Wishek Mead, Diann Maerz, Eileen M. Burlack, Lehr; Bette Mae Nitschke, Coriene Maier, Idella Boschee, Zeeland; Gideon Raile, Jack H. Hoeven, Jr.

Part-time: Mrs. Wade H. Zick, Mrs. G. H. Hernett.

McINTOSH COUNTY BANK

HOME OFFICE — ASHLEY, NORTH DAKOTA

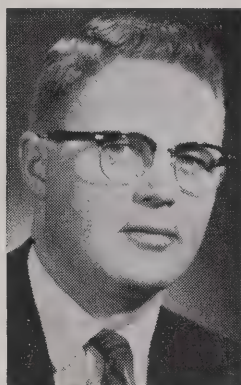
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Cashier



G. H. HERNETT
Director



WADE H. ZICK
*Director and manager of
Zeeland office*

Vernon Scherbenske, Assistant-Cashier and manager of Lehr office, resigned, succeeded by Lester Dempsey.



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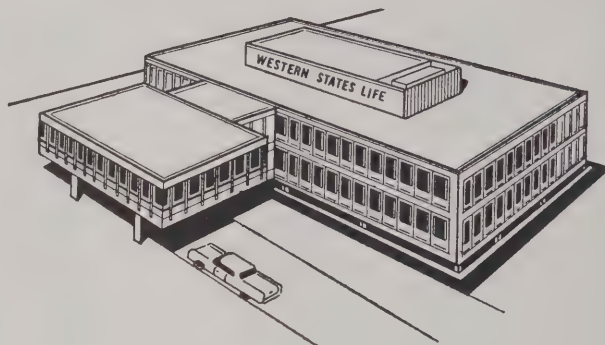
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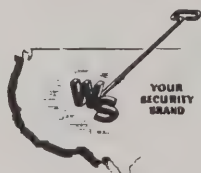
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WOEHL & DELZER STANDARD SERVICE STATION

After the sale of the station interior and inventory by Christ Bauer in 1940, the following were succeeding operators:

Richard Speidel, Gottlieb Delzer, Leonard Roeszler, Ervin and Henry Weber, Jake Schumacher, Wetzel and Dobler to July 3, 1950, Woehl and Delzer July 4, 1950 to the present time.

The Standard Station building is owned by Miss Bertha Schauer and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heuther. The building prior to the present one was a long and narrow four stall structure. With cars being built longer year after year it became no longer possible to close the doors and do maintenance work on them at the same time, especially during the winter months.

In 1957 the station was remodeled to its present state, office and two stalls, large enough to do good maintenance work. Shop equipment has been added as needed.

At present the Standard Oil Co. has leased the station from its owners and has re-leased it to Woehl and Delzer who have operated it for the past thirteen years.

There is good cooperation among all stations in Ashley, especially the closing and open rotation policy. This is widely acclaimed and envied as well. This cooperation is probably one reason why station operators here have been able to endure the long hours this type of work demands.

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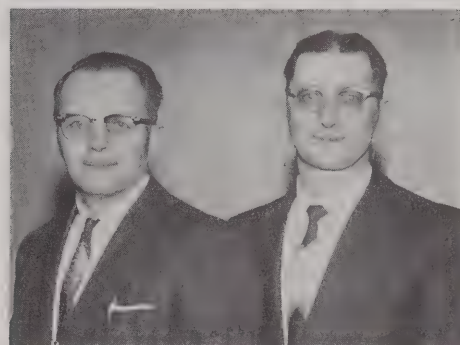
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ASHLEY, NORTH DAKOTA

KRAMER OIL COMPANY

The first Phillips "66" station in Ashley was located at the intersection of state highway three and eleven. It was operated by John Albrecht. The present Phillips "66" service station and bulk plant were established on November 15, 1930 by Christ and Fred Lahmann who were distributors of WNAX gasoline. In March of 1934, Christ Lahmann became sole owner of the business. It was known as Lahmann Oil Co. In 1935 part of the present building was erected. Sometime in 1939, Lahmann became a Phillips "66" jobber. Ervin A. Sackmann purchased the business on August 1, 1947. On October 1, 1950, Mr. Sackmann sold his bulk inventory to Phillips Petroleum Company and leased the bulk plant and service station to the Corporation. Karl G. Kramer, a former employee, was appointed bulk salesman. Emil Delzer, another employee, and Gilbert Buchholz purchased the service station inventory. In May 1957, due to illness, Karl G. Kramer sold his interest in the business to his son, Edwin J. Kramer, who since then has acquired the complete unit, with a branch office in Oakes, N. D. Eddie Kramer is assisted by his manager, LeRoy Bendewald.

ASHLEY BAKERY

The first bakery in Ashley was established by Fischer & Pfeifer and later operated by Mr. Fischer alone. After having been without a bakery for a time, Mr. Alwin opened a bakery which he sold to Jacob G. Bertsch. His son, Herman Bertsch, operated the bakery for 3 or 4 months when it was taken over by his brother, Emil F. Bertsch, for a short time, assisted by John Usselman, as baker, who later bought the business. T. H. Schuler operated a bakery in 1937 for some time. Kenneth Isaak owned and operated the bakery from 1946 until 1948 in the building now occupied by Klipfel Heating. Sid Swanson bought the business in 1948, and in 1950 moved to the Nat Miller building now occupied by the Ashley Laundromat. His son, Earl Swanson, moved the bakery in 1954 to the Andrew Sackman building. George Werre took over the bakery from Swanson in 1957 until 1958 when it was sold to Alfred Block. Mr. Block owned and operated it until his death in August, 1960. On December 16, 1960, Erwin Kiemele purchased the bakery and continued to operate the business in the Sackman building until December, 1962, at which time he moved it to the former Enoch Roth Implement building on Lot 17, Block 11, on West Main Street where it is operating at the present time.

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ASHLEY BODY SHOP

In the year 1942, I took up auto body straightening and painting, also glass work at Minneapolis, Minnesota. In the year of February, 1947, I came to Ashley. I was employed by Mr. Gottlieb Klipfel for one year. I bought two lots and had a house moved on it.

In the year February, 1948, I had another building moved on the same lots and started my own business. I have increased my shop to double capacity.

I, J. E. Rattei, have met a lot of nice people. I think the people around here are just wonderful. Thanks a million for their support.

DEEP ROCK SERVICE STATION

This business was established in 1934 by Jacob Franz, who sold it to Fred J. Hoffman in 1936. Mr. Hoffman operated the Deep Rock Station for 20 years when in 1956 he sold it to his son, Lawrence Hoffman. In 1957, Lawrence Hoffman sold it to Ervin Rothfusz who operated it until 1959 when I (Ferdinand Vossler) purchased it.

Expansion of the building was made in 1955 by Fred J. Hoffman.

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THE ASHLEY TRIBUNE

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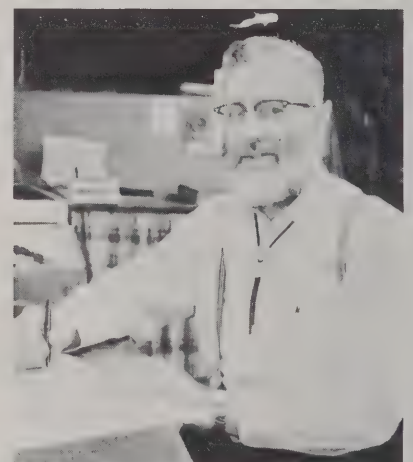
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THE ASHLEY TRIBUNE, Oldest Local Business Establishment

Published continuously for 62 years, The Ashley Tribune is the leading weekly newspaper in McIntosh County. It is the oldest, continuously operated business in Ashley—perhaps in McIntosh County. It has been under the management of Walter and Bertha Froh at the time of, and since the 50th anniversary observance of the founding of the City of Ashley celebrated in June, 1938.

Starting here in 1936, Froh found that the economic setback in this area, due largely to drought and poor crops as well as the national depression, was equally reflected in the newspaper business. To rebuild a newspaper that had been seriously affected by that financially depressed period and other peculiar circumstances, was an uphill task that required perseverance and faithful local business support. Gradually the newspaper progressed and developed to its present state.

In 1938 the page size of The Ashley Tribune was six 20-inch columns. The newspaper consisted of eight pages, of which only four were printed at home. It was these four pages that contained the local and area news and local advertising. The print paper which was shipped here weekly had four of the pages already printed, containing features of one kind or another, a comic page, and usually included an installment of one of the better novels, published serially, as used to be the custom.

Today the Tribune still normally consists of eight pages, but the page size has been increased (by more than 35%) to eight 22-inch columns, and all of the eight or more pages are now printed at home.

By way of comparison, the home-printed part of the Tribune in 1938 was 480 column inches compared to 1408 column inches today in a normal eight-page issue. In other words, the reader today, in 1963, receives nearly 300% the amount of reading matter that he received 25 years ago—and without any duplication as was the case up to 1945 when space was devoted to a German section that covered some of the same English-language items.

All of the major equipment used in 1938 has since been replaced or added to.

A serious fire early one Sunday morning on January 12, 1947 damaged the Tribune plant to the extent of \$10,000, covered about 80% by insurance. Though this was considered a near disaster, it, by necessity, started a chain reaction that brought about a gradual and complete change to modern equipment, most of it purchased new, including a new Model 33, wide-range, Linotype typesetting machine.

In February of 1944, The Ashley Tribune purchased the name, good will and mailing list of The Wishek News, a newspaper published at Wishek by Robert Greiser. With the issue of March 2 of that year, the Tribune began serving the subscribers of both of these newspapers, as well as the businessmen of Wishek and their community. Mr. Greiser, an excellent newspaper editor, writer and a popular politician, served as state senator from this district for a number of years and his newspaper served many terms as the official county newspaper. In 1944, as the only newspaper in the

county, the Tribune became the official newspaper and has held that position to date against subsequent opposition. Another newspaper was established at Wishek in 1945.

Practically from its inception, the Tribune had continuously included a German section. This was largely a duplication of the more important news stories, obituaries, notices and some local items. The German section was discontinued in 1945 by the present editor who felt that the need for it was fast disappearing and that the space was necessary for the expansion of the other departments. Despite predictions that this step would affect the newspaper adversely, it failed to affect circulation which, in fact, gradually rose to a higher level. Today the Tribune reaches 2,200 homes which is about 1,000 more than 25 years ago.



press was soon freighted to Hoskins.

The first newspaper printed in McIntosh County was the McIntosh County Herald at the old town of Hoskins in the fall of 1884, by Paul P. Orth of Bismarck who was one of the many Bismarck men interested in promoting this new town and county. It was first printed at Bismarck, but a

Soon another paper called "The Democrat" was established in this little town. After Hoskins was moved to Ashley there was a period when three newspapers were published here, when "The Republican" was added. Many and bitter were the paper battles that were fought in those early days. The Herald was soon discontinued since no little pioneer town could support three newspapers. Later after the intensity of the Cleveland campaign had passed, the Democrat also suspended when its editor, "Doke" Lawhead, returned to the east to Zanesville, Ohio. He had a partner, Tony Bjornson.

W. O. Kenagy of old Hoskins, who bought the Herald from Orth came from Texas. His sons, Ollie and Harry, ran the paper, assisted by a half-brother, Bonny Carey.

Information is vague, but mention of other editors has included such names as John Gregory, Mr. Grueninger. Editors of The Republican included a Mr. Clowes and Fred Heiss. Col. Stone, a GAR man from Michigan, was also interested in the first Hoskins paper and was known as a fire-eating Democrat.

In what buildings or locations these early newspapers were published there is no information. The Tribune, or perhaps one of the other newspapers, was at one time housed in the no-longer existent Clyde building which was located on the northeast corner of Block 12 facing the present Ashley Lanes on Central Avenue near the Courthouse.

For a number of years the Tribune was quartered in the rear of the first floor of the old Opera House, later known as the Anhorn building, and more recently the Salzer building. In 1934 the Tribune plant was moved into what is now the Ashley Implement Company, and since 1935 has been in its present location at 216 on West Main Street.

The Ashley Tribune — cont'd

To go back to the beginning, The Ashley Tribune was established in June, 1901, the first edition—issue Number 1, Volume 1—dated Friday, June 28. Thus each year the fourth week of June is always the Tribune's anniversary. This year it begins its sixty-third year with Number 1 of Volume 63. The subscription rate in 1901 was \$1.50 per year. The Tribune succeeded The Republican which had been purchased and reorganized by Clyde J. Pryor.

Clyde J. Pryor, the first editor, in presenting his salutation to the people of Ashley in the first number of The Ashley Tribune, says:

"We believe there is a good field in this county for a second newspaper and in return for the support given by the citizens here we shall work for the interests of this town, county and state."

Having come to Ashley from Minnesota, Mr. Pryor went on to say that he intends to move his family here and become a permanent resident of this state. Politically, he said, the paper would work for the success of the Republican party and its cause.

The first issue, coming out just prior to Independence Day, proclaims in an advertisement that "The Eagle will Scream" at Ashley on July 4, 1901. The ad goes on to say: "The day will be ushered in bright and early with a salute of 100 guns. About 9:00 o'clock a parade representing the societies and citizens will form in line and march to Park Grove where the excellent program, as prepared, will be carried out." The program, the paper stated, consists of "speeches, music, singing, and the small boy and his cannon crackers". The Honorable G. O. Gulack was listed as the orator of the day to be followed by speeches by A. P. Guy, A. W. Clyde and J. H. Wishek. Afternoon amusements included baseball, foot races, horse races and "many other amusements". Liberal prizes offered, the ad said.

A grand ball was scheduled for the evening. The advertising went on to say: "We want everybody to come to Ashley on that day. The young men should bring somebody with them (presumably ladies). Come early and stay all day."

In the advertising of the first issue, F. Brosz advertised drygoods, groceries, hardware and tinware. O. V. Lewis, stage line to Eureka, leaves Ashley every morning at 6:30. Passengers and freight.

W. S. Beveridge advertised dress goods, and G. O. Gulack, farm machinery. A. W. Clyde, in a business card, indicated he was a lawyer.

Numerous medicine ads promised cures for a multitude of things. Handy thresher's books sold for \$1.00.

The second issue stated that Ashley had beaten Lowell 25 to 16 in a ballgame. There were numerous messages of congratulations extended to Mr. Pryor and the Tribune by other newspapers, including The Fargo Forum.

Evidently the path of the newspaper was a bit rocky, financially. Pryor edited the infant Tribune until July 7, 1902 when the Ashley Security Company was listed as the owner. Joseph A. Stember served as manager until January, 1904 when E. T. Clyde became his successor as manager. He became owner and publisher in 1905 and continued as

editor until September 1, 1915. C. C. Lowe next acquired the Tribune, operating it until April 24, 1919. C. W. Starkle took over as editor until August 7 of that same year, when the Tribune was acquired by the McIntosh County Farmers Press, a corporation. August Pohl and Gustave Destner became the editor and manager serving until August, 1932. Walter Froh was then made editor and was assisted by August Pohl. In 1933, The Ashley Tribune Corporation was formed and Gustave Destner made editor in August of that year. He was succeeded by C. W. Burgess in January, 1934 who served until February 1, 1936. When Mr. Burgess resigned, Froh was again offered the position. He had, in the meantime, been employed by another newspaper in North Dakota and later, while temporarily helping his father with the newspaper at Eureka, South Dakota, was considering other positions. He came to the Tribune on a temporary basis "to help out" and has remained here since.

One of the milestones in the Tribune mechanical department was the installation, in April of 1952, of its first automatic job press, 10 x 15 Original Heidelberg. In 1959, a second typesetting machine, a rebuilt Linotype with a teletypesetter operating unit, was added together with a new teletype standard tape perforator. Both of these were steps toward automation—increasing production without adding to the present work-force. The reason, other than economic, was the difficulty of procuring competent trained personnel.

The history of the Tribune has at times been rather tumultuous over the years. This, in itself, might make an interesting story, but would be too lengthy and perhaps inappropriate for this book.

Employees of the Tribune at the time this is written include Harold Dockter, typesetting machine operator and foreman of the mechanical department who has been with the Tribune since 1938; Paul Hilscher, an all-around printer; Mrs. Theodore (Marcella) Woehl, teletype operator and office girl. Mrs. Myron (Clara) Ehley reports the social and personal items. Part-time workers are Arthur Kaul, bookkeeper, and Dorothy Hilscher, circulation department.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Froh are co-editors and managers.

Employed in the Tribune mechanical department at one time or another during the past 25 years have been Arthur Kaul, Emil Moench, Harley Keim, Clarence Schlabsz, Wilbert Schlabsz, Lawrence Wolf, Melvin Walz, George Merkel, Albert Retzer, Don Junge, Arnold Reule, Patrick Breitling, Walter Froh, Jr., and for a brief period, Wilmer Obenauer and James Weisser.

Part-time employees in the circulation department have been Mrs. Lawrence Schnabel, Mrs. Marvin Lehr, Mrs. Virgil Moeckel and Mrs. Harold Dockter. Mrs. Donald Irion is a former Tribune teletypist and office girl.

Nearly all of the Tribune personnel has been trained right here on the job — two of them war veterans. The Tribune had been approved by the Veterans Administration as a firm authorized to train veterans in the various printing skills under Public Law 346. Both, today, hold lucrative positions in other states. Two others who left here for military service also enjoy good positions with large printing establishments.

Both of the Froh children, Walter Jr., and Joan, have helped out at the Tribune by contributing copy, and editing and proofreading during their high school years.

1888

DIAMOND JUBILEE TO OUR TOWN

1963

There was a little village west,
where the sun goes down,
One that now is big enough,
that it is called a town.
There's a highway passing through it
where a crossroad winds its way,
And the homes are reminiscent of
what's now a by gone day.
Streets once dusty, where barefoot
children run,
Playing games just as in long ago,
my pals and I had done.
There were hitching rails standing
as if years they would defy,
And the village pump, though rusty,
your thirst would satisfy.
To that village, years ago, there came
those hardy pioneers,
Who had brought their families, seeking
out a place for a new career.
And, in days that seem so distant now,
I lived there as a lad,
In the home that Father built for us
with any means he had.

At the crossroads in that village
I remember it so well,
Was the country store where keeper
had so many things to sell.
But the memory that lingers is
of candy counter bright,
Magnet for the eager youngsters and
a spot for their delight.
Round that little town,
far beyond the sunset there,
Is a countryside as fertile as
is found most anywhere.
From the toil of sturdy pioneers
the soil has richer grown.
To produce a generous living from,
the seeds which they have sown.
Now, that many years have settled
on the scenes I dream about,
I can ponder on a life that's left
so many things in doubt:
And I wonder of those pioneers,
deserving of a crown.
In that little town west,
where the sun goes down.



Floyd Schock,

Isadore Lang,

Marion Geist,

Jeannine Schock

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Home of quality HARDWARE, PAINTS, APPLIANCES, FLOOR COVERING,
T.V., FURNITURE, GIFT GOODS.

Floyd Schock, owner

ASHLEY, NORTH DAKOTA

STANDARD OIL COMPANY

Sam Krause was bulk agent for the Standard Oil Company in Ashley from 1929 when he bought out F. F. Spitzer and conducted the business until 1942. The following individuals were bulk agents from 1942 thru 1950: Gottlieb Bietz, Emil Schaffer, Ed. Nies, Richard Speidel, Oliver Wahl and Henry Weber. In 1950 Ray Giedt bought out Henry Weber and has since been operating the business. His office is located in the Woehl & Delzer Standard Service Station.

CONGRATULATIONS

On Your 75th Jubilee

A & F MOTEL

Ashley, North Dakota

FRED G. & ANNA M. MAIER, OWNERS



We salute ASHLEY on its 75th Birthday. We pay our respects to these citizens who through the years have worked hard and successfully, to build a fine community—and who now are planning for even greater progress in the future.

We of Northwestern Bell are proud of having had a part in this progress and look ahead to a greater future with confidence.

J. E. Frank, Manager

NORTHWESTERN BELL of NORTH DAKOTA

ASHLEY ELEVATOR CO.

The Ashley Elevator was built in 1904 by C. C. Hammond and managed by Wm. Brokofsky and Sam Feil, Sr., asst. mgr. Later it was sold to the McIntosh County Investment Co., with J. H. Jenner as its president and managed by Mr. Albrecht until his death. Christ Bauer became manager in 1921 and held the position until 1932 at which time H. H. Jenner became manager. At this time there were seven individual grain buyers in Ashley.

In 1934 the Jenner Grain Corporation bought the elevator and in 1940 it was purchased by H. H. Jenner, who is the present owner and manager. Many improvements have been made since that time. In 1946, a new driveway was built and a 30-ton scale was installed. In 1950, a 30,000 bushel cribbed annex and a seed cleaning addition was built.

The Klaus Elevators (the old unused building and the elevator on the Main Street) which were the former Rubin Elevator and Miles Elevator were purchased in 1956 and made part of the Ashley Elevator Company. The main part of the unused elevator was the first Lutheran church building in Ashley. To the elevator on the Main Street a 40,000 bushel cribbed annex has been added; also a Roskamp Feed Roller was installed.

Mr. J. H. Jenner, father of H. H. Jenner, bought grain in Ashley from 1904 to 1907 for the Woodwerth Elevator Company of Minneapolis, Minn. This elevator was later the Peoples Elevator.

At the time H. H. Jenner took over the elevator in 1932, prices were at rock bottom. The local card price at that time was: all 1st grade per bushel, Wheat 25 cents, Amber Durum 20 cents, Flax 85 cents, Corn .02 cents, Barley .09 cents, Rye 12 cents, Oats .03 cents. Fifteen years later in November 1947 prices were: Wheat \$3.10, Flax \$6.63, Rye \$2.51, Malting Barley \$2.50 to \$2.75, Amber Durum \$2.97, Oats \$1.12.

The Jenner family has been in the grain business for 50 years.

BELL SERVICE AT ASHLEY

Northwestern Bell Telephone Company acquired the Dakota Central Telephone Company through a merger in 1940.

N.W. Bell built a dial building at Ashley in 1940 and the telephone system was changed to dial operation on January 10, 1941 with 129 telephones in use.

In 1955 the building was enlarged and a replacement was made of the central office to increase the line capacity. Also that year an extensive cable project was completed.

Mr. John W. Nelson served as manager for N.W. Bell until in 1948 when John Frank, who is now manager, took over.

In 1957 Ed Lacher was assigned as a serviceman at Ashley, remaining until 1959 when he was replaced by Jack Mead. In 1961 Bob Johnson was assigned to this job.

Total Telephones
in Service

Total Average Calls
per (24 hr.) day

1941	1951	1963
125	335	754

1941	1951	1963
775	2000	4525

ASHLEY ELEVATOR CO.

ASHLEY, N. DAK.

Telephone AT 8-4821

DEALERS IN GRAIN, FEED, SEED & COAL

CUSTOM SEED CLEANING & CUSTOM FEED ROLLING



No. 1 Elevator



No. 2 Elevator

H. H. Jenner — Manager & Owner

David Helmer, Asst. Manager

Art Bertsch—Helper

Herbert Arnold—Helper

UNION ELEVATOR COMPANY

The grain elevators of Ashley have played an important part in the development of the community. This company was organized in Wishek, North Dakota, on August 26, 1922, by J. H. Wishek, Sr., Carl A. Wishek, John H. Wishek Jr. and Max A. Wishek, to engage in the buying and selling of seeds and grains and other business incident thereto. Following the crop failures and depression of the nineteen thirties, the Union Elevator formed a merger with other elevators owned by the Wisheks to form the present company. These other elevators were Danzig Grain & Farm Elevator of Danzig, Venturia Farmers Elevator Company of Venturia, and Peoples and Brosz Elevator Companies at Ashley. These elevators are all operated under the firm name of Union Elevator Company, with the main office now at Ashley.

Managers of the company were Robert Miles, Theo Heinrich, John Wishek, Jr., Wm. Huber, Sr. of Wishek, Harold Spitzer of Ashley, Gottlieb Thurn, and since 1943 Oscar Martz, who is also buyer at the Ashley station.

Having previously leased the premises, Union Elevator Company in July, 1953 purchased the Drews Elevator Company property which was founded by the late Herman Drews in 1928, from his son, Herbert H. Drews, Minneapolis attorney; and Mildred Larson, a daughter. This site at one time was the location of a flour mill and creamery which were destroyed by fire many years ago. The first purchasers of the site from the townsite company were Heinrich Weber, Joseph Tschetter, Jr., (father of A. E., John, and David Tschetter of Ashley) and C. J. Eisenbeis (father of Mrs. John Huether). They sold the property in 1907 to Ashley Milling Company which had been organized by the Linn brothers, J. A. Linn and Robert Linn, and H. H. Drews about the year 1915. The Linns disposed of their stock in the milling company to Edward Gruebele and H. H. Drews. The mill building was destroyed by fire thereafter. In 1925 the milling company deeded the unimproved real estate to Jakob Gruebele.

In January 1927, sole title to the property was acquired by Herman H. Drews who erected the present building in 1928. Considerable improvement has been made since the elevator was acquired by the present owner, chief of which has been the addition of approximately 70,000 bushels of storage space. The present manager, Christoph Fischer, started in the business under H. H. Drews. Also associated for a time was Lee Tuchscher. Assistants at various times were Christof Nitschke and Donald Dockter. Norman Bender is presently assistant to Mr. Fischer.

The main plant of the Union Elevator Company is on the site of the former Brosz Elevator. This elevator also has a long and interesting history. It was built in 1906 by Hedtke and Brosz and later was acquired by Stienecker and Kretschmar, and operated under that name. In 1921 the Brosz Elevator Company was formed by Fred Brosz and J. H. Wishek, and operated under that name until merged with Union Elevator Company in 1940. This elevator was operated for many years by Gust Brosz, a veteran grain buyer. Mr. Brosz retired in 1960. He had accumulated a host of friends and was

known for his fair and considerate treatment of his customers.

Beginning in 1932 the country was to experience a devastating drought, which together with world-wide depression, set off by the 1929 stock market crash, was to bring hardship and ruin to many farmers and businessmen. The first good crop for the Ashley area was not to be until 1940. In the meantime a revolution in grain-buying and marketing was close at hand. The day of the horse farmer was doomed, and the advent of mechanized farming was just around the corner. Horses were being replaced in the field and on the highways by tractors and trucks. Five and ten-ton scales in grain elevators were standard equipment and adequate for horses and lumber wagons. To comply with truck transportation, larger scales were necessary and the old scales gave way to 20 and 30, and now 50-ton scales. Pits were necessarily enlarged to hold larger loads and small grain cups were replaced by larger cups and belt movement speeded up. The change in farming required virtual rebuilding of the interior portions of all elevators. Ashley elevators met the challenge of progress. Both the Jenner Elevator, Farmers Feed Company and the Union Elevator have kept pace with the modernization trend. It can be said that farm producers in the Ashley area have been provided with every marketing convenience available in the grain trade, including cleaning and treating seeds, grinding and rolling feeds.

By 1956 it had become apparent that it was not economically feasible for two grain elevators to continue to operate in Venturia. That year the Union Elevator Company acquired the Jenner Elevator in that town from Harold and Arnold Jenner. The acquisition made possible better and faster service to the producers in the Venturia area. Storage of 32,000 bushels was added, and new modern cleaners and treaters were installed for flax and other seed-cleaning and treating. The elevator at Venturia is under the management of Otto Bertsch, assisted by Asoph Haas. The Danzig elevator is managed by Donald Dockter, and the one at Wishek by Harold Klein.

In 1960 the Union Elevator at Ashley completed construction of a new and modern elevator of 40,000 bushel capacity, increasing the available storage, combined with that of the Peoples Elevator to 116,000 bushels. A new, faster-treating plant was installed, and in 1961 a rolling mill was put into operation.

A word in passing should be said of some of the veteran grain buyers who serviced the farm trade in the Ashley area. Such men as H. H. Drews, Fred Brosz, R. C. Miles, William Mensing, Christ Bauer, J. C. Goll and Gust Brosz must be termed veteran grain dealers who served the trade faithfully and well. The present buyers, while not veterans, have given years of service in a business which requires steady attendance at the business for long hours, especially during the harvest rush. Ashley must be deemed fortunate to have such outstanding grain dealers as Oscar Martz, Christoph Fischer, and H. H. Jenner, assisted by David Helmer.

GREETINGS TO ASHLEY UPON ITS 75th BIRTHDAY



UNION ELEVATOR COMPANY

Left to right: Gust Brosz, Oscar Martz, Edwin Ulrich and Max A. Wishek.



FARMERS FEED COMPANY

Left to right: Christoph Fischer, manager and Norman Bender, assistant.

This elevator has handled grain in the area since pioneer days. We have tried to provide efficient and satisfactory service at all times.

Union Elevator Company

A Corporation

ASHLEY, NORTH DAKOTA

OSCAR MARTZ, GENERAL MANAGER AND BUYER

Elevators at Venturia	Otto Bertsch, Manager
Danzig	Donald Dockter, Manager
Wishek	Harold Klein, Manager

Lillian Wishek Dempsey, President
Max A. Wishek, Secretary-treasurer



Horse drawn feed grinder owned by Christ Rott.

The grinder sits on the ground when operated. Horses are hitched to the beam to which the sign "antiques" is affixed. The grinder is sitting temporarily on an old buggy of 1916 vintage.



A very early type tractor recently secured by Christ Rott from an owner in Emmons County. The wide wheels front and back and the type of wheel and steering construction denotes a very early design. The radiator is missing.



1923 Model T Ford originally owned by John Mundt of Fredonia, an uncle of Christ Rott, the present owner, shown standing beside the car in his jubilee attire. Mr. Rott has an extensive collection of antiques. The pipe he is smoking is 40 to 50 years old.

ASHLEY LUMBER COMPANY

This business, now owned by the Wishek interests and William E. Meidinger, was originally incorporated as Ashley Lumber Company April 7, 1913, by J. H. Wishek, G. M. Gannon and Nina Wishek. W. L. Johnson was an early stockholder. It succeeded the Phoenix Lumber Company which was started in 1907. G. M. Gannon sold his interest to Mr. Wishek in 1917, and a new corporation named Ashley Farmers Lumber Company was organized by J. H. Wishek, W. L. Johnson and Nina Wishek. This corporation is still in existence. The business has been at the present location since it was started. Ashley at one time had three lumber yards, and never less than two, as there are today.

In March 1957, a substantial interest in the business was purchased by William E. Meidinger who took over the management and heads the business at the present time. He is assisted by A. L. Walker. The business now operates under the name of Ashley Lumber Company.

Former managers have been A. E. Snowden, Lewis Walker, B. J. Weiler, E. P. Treick, and A. L. Walker. Of the managers, Lewis Walker served the longest period of time.

Mr. Meidinger, since coming to Ashley, has taken an active part in the affairs and problems of the community. He has served as president of the Ashley Businessmen's Association, and is presently general chairman of the Jubilee committee. He is also a member of the Ashley City Council.

The Ashley Lumber Company is considering moving the yard to a site on West Main Street, adjacent to the railroad.

SPORTSMAN BAR

This business is located in one of the historic buildings in Ashley. As far back as 1908 it housed the McIntosh County Republican, a weekly newspaper. In 1911-1912 the building was used to accommodate the 3rd and 4th grade pupils. In 1913 Israel Auerbach leased the building for a general store and after his death in 1915 the store was taken over by his son, Nath Auerbach, who coined the familiar phrase "Alles Gut und Billig." Later, Nath Auerbach leased and moved his store to the A. W. Meidinger building, now occupied by Reinie Feil.

In 1932 the building was altered and became a cafe, leased by Henry Roth. When beer became legal, he operated both the cafe and beer parlor. In 1934 he sold to Gottlieb Klipfel, and the building was further altered. Hard liquor having become legal, the place operated as a cafe and bar. In 1944 the business was sold to Julius Dockter who operated the business until it was sold in 1947 to John B. Retzer. In 1948 the business was sold to and operated by Eddie Mayer and Edwin Skaley who in turn sold to Harry Jenner in 1950. The place was acquired in 1954 by John K. Aman and Rudy Binder. In 1957 Mr. Aman sold his interest to Mr. Binder and in 1959 the latter sold to Henry Olsen. In 1962 the business was acquired by Marvin A. Vossler who is operating it today.

The building on lot ten, block 12 was sold by the Wishek Investment Co. several years ago to Andrew Sackmann, Jr., who still retains title.

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Ashley

1963

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OUR CITY AND COMMUNITY ON 75 YEARS
OF PROGRESS

YOUR COURAGE, YOUR PRIDE, YOUR WISDOM,
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THIS HISTORIC CELEBRATION

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IN THE INTEGRITY OF THE CITIZENS OF ASHLEY

ASHLEY LUMBER
COMPANY

ASHLEY

NORTH DAKOTA

William E. Meidinger, Manager

A. L. Walker, Assistant Manager

MEIDINGER & EISEMAN BAR

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Edwin — Jake

Wishek, N. Dak.

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ASHLEY INVESTOR'S INC.

ASHLEY, NORTH DAKOTA



From left to right:

John Blumhardt, F. F. Bender, Max A. Wishek Sr., Gottfried J. Nitschke, Emil Sayler and Walter Doerr.

Knowing the urgent need of a building to house a new bowling lane business, Emil Sayler, F. F. Bender, Walter Doerr, Max A. Wishek, Sr. and Gottfried J. Nitschke all of Ashley, N. D. and John Blumhardt of Kulm, N. D. agreed to form this Corporation and made an investment to erect a building 40'X140' during the summer of 1962, which was completed by the month of August including the installation of the Lanes. The AMF Lanes are owned and operated by Don Konouvsy of Ashley, formerly of Fargo, North Dakota.

We Are Proud To Have Played Our Part In The Development Of Ashley

WHAT IS AN ABSTRACT?

It is a history of a title to real and personal property for the purpose of protecting the property owner.

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Ashley Abstract Company

(A Corporation)

ASHLEY, NORTH DAKOTA

Max A. Wishek, Sr., president — Lillian Dempsey, vice-president

F. F. Bender, secretary-treasurer
and official abstractor of McIntosh County



This early view of Ashley was taken in 1914, 1915 or shortly thereafter. The picture was taken from the top of grain elevator, now known as the second Union Elevator. The school on the right was built in 1914 after a fire destroyed its predecessor. There are many old and historic landmarks. The team and wagon is headed east on Main Street.

The first building on the left is the present Ashley Dry Cleaners now operated by Edward Schauer. It was moved back to make room for the new garage and service station building erected by Water Doerr and now occupied by the Co-op Oil Company. Across the street to the east is the old Ashley State Bank building, now housing The Ashley Bakery, operated by Ervin Kiemele. The only other building in this block on Main Street that remains today is the building on the corner, east of the present bank building. All of the others have been moved off or burned down.

To the north of Main Street are shown the big Opera House building and south of it the stone store building, known

Looking South on First Ave. NW.

At right a view prior to 1913 of First Avenue Northwest, facing south. The first building on the right of picture is the old opera house which was the center of Ashley entertainment for many years. The building was torn down by John Salzer and the lots are vacant at the present time. All buildings toward Main Street, south of the opera house are still standing.

The big stone building south of the opera house, which was then the Cash Bazaar, is now the Emil F. Bertsch dry goods store. The smaller building between them was the First State Bank, now occupied by Otto's Bar.

Further to the south is the old Beveridge store building on the corner, which is to be the site of the new bank building. Across the street is the old drug store building, formerly the Stube Hotel and now Hotel Raymond operated by Reinhold Spitzer.

On the near left (east) corner of the street stands a frame building which was moved to the northern part of town in 1913 by T. M. Buchholz and fixed up for a dwelling. It was for some years occupied and owned by Jim Luce and presently owned by Fred Hoffman. After this building was moved the present Sackmann-Kessel building was erected by L. Rubin and Israel Auerbach. The new corner building was occupied as a store by the following: Auerbach, Gottlieb Becker, Adam Nagel, Jr. and in 1931 was purchased by Andreas Sackmann, and later acquired by his son, Andrew. It has just recently been sold to Andrew and Marvin Kessel.

Behind the trees is the site of the present Kessel Implement building.



The new street scene below taken this year shows part of the Sackman building, the Kessel Implement building, and adjacent to the alley, the new ASC office erected in 1961 by Henry Huether, local contractor. The Holte Funeral Home and Bert Schnabel's barber shop is next across the alley. Emil (Easy) Spitzer's Red Owl grocery store is on the corner to the south on Main Street.





as Lippert's store and now the Federated Store owned by Emil F. Bertsch. The big warehouse building behind the old Ashley State Bank building was later moved to Main Street and is now the home of The Ashley Tribune. The building was materially altered and enlarged.

Note the First National Bank building, constructed by the Johnstone brothers in 1912. It stands on the south side of Main Street. The corner portion is presently occupied by Montana-Dakota Utilities Company and the Andy Wagemann Bar. The upper floor consists of apartments. The building on the corner to the west of it is the present Hotel Raymond owned by Reinhold Spitzer. The large white house in the far end of the picture and north of Main Street is the residence constructed in 1905-06 by John H. Wishek. Note that little construction had been done north of the city or south of the schoolhouse. The large house on the extreme right side of the picture is the G. D. Grosz residence, now owned by Clarence Salzer.



Looking East on Main Street



Looking East on Main Street in 1963

The old picture shows the old Ashley State Bank building now occupied by the Ashley Bakery. To the left of this building is the old Stepper and Pudwill Implement building. This building was later used as a pool hall by Mr. Carley and about 1935 was moved over to Main Street where it is now occupied by the Ashley Tribune and the Max A. Wishek law office. A fireproof addition was built onto the rear of this building in 1948. The building to the left with the wagons is the present abandoned blacksmith building. Note that the Walter Doerr building, now occupied by the Co-op Oil Co., had not been erected. On the right is the old hotel building which was destroyed by fire and is now the site of the present Ashley Creamery.



Looking West on Main Street in 1963

THE WISHEK FAMILY

JOSEPH WISHEK came to Pennsylvania in 1848 from Baden, Germany. He was married to Barbara Salathe. They had three children, a boy and two girls.

JOHN HENRY WISHEK, born April 17, 1855, at Warren, Pennsylvania. Came to McIntosh County, North Dakota, May, 1884. Married December 26, 1891. Died January 13, 1932.

John H. Wishek Sr., was a typical example of the early pioneer. He was frugal, strong-willed and forceful in word and deed. Coupled with these qualities was a driving ambition and keen foresight. He proved an ideal leader in the virgin and challenging new county of McIntosh which he helped to start and organize. He lived to the age of 76. He carried the respect of everyone to his grave. A more complete biography is to be found in the 1938 Ashley Jubilee Book.

NINA FARLEY, born January 3, 1869 at Almont, Michigan. Came to McIntosh County in 1887. Died June 23, 1957.

Nina Farley Wishek as a young girl came to Hoskins in 1887 with her parents and brothers and sisters. The next year the town was moved to its present site and named Ashley. She was a graduate of the high school in Almont, Michigan. Mrs. Wishek had an unusually artistic temperament. She played the piano, and also painted in both oil and china. She was the first school teacher in Ashley and also taught country school in Moscow, Antelope Valley, Jewell and Hoskins school districts. Not the least of her talents was in the field of writing. Over a long period of her life she composed verse which was later collected and printed in a book of poems under the title of "Roseberries in Autumn." In the same manner and after years of intensive research she wrote and had published by the Ashley Tribune in 1941 her history of McIntosh County, "Along the Trails of Yesterday." She also materially assisted in some of the work of the 1938 Jubilee book. She wrote "The Golden Jubilee" poem on page two of the 1938 book and, being very modest, insisted that she remain the anonymous author and the poem was signed "Anin Yelraf" which is Nina Farley spelled backwards. She was always interested and active in community affairs, a devoted church member, and a member of many women's organizations. While she lived many years in California, she retained her voting residence in Ashley and continued to follow the activities and affairs of the people of this community.

Mrs. Wishek was of a quiet and understanding disposition, full of kindness and charity to all. Her death at Whittier, California June 23, 1957, at the age of 88, came as a distinct loss to the community where she had spent so many years of her life. She rests along with the remains of her husband, John H. Wishek Sr., in the family plot in the Ashley Cemetery.

They had the following children:

ESTHER WISHEK, born March 25, 1894. Married Carl Tange November 21, 1919 at Ashley. Mr. and Mrs. Tange operated farms at Outlook, Montana prior to moving to Whittier, Cali-

fornia. Mr. Tange is active in real estate and investments.

Their children are:

Nina Maren Tange, born March 20, 1927. Married Verlyn Gail Marth, March 30, 1950. They have three children: Julie Elizabeth, David William, and Peter Jon.

Margaret Ann Tange, married Richard George in 1958. They have a daughter: Maren Tange George.

Helen Joyce Tange, daughter, born November 11, 1938.

Carl Tange Jr., born December 30, 1923. Married to Helen Seibert on December 22, 1945. They have two children: Carla Elaine and Christian Curtis.

John Kristin Tange, Outlook, Montana, born January 6, 1922. Married Margaret Gutsch, who was born January 22, 1921. They were married February 27, 1944. John operates the farm of his parents at Outlook, Montana. They have five children: Jerry William born May 17, 1945; John Carl born July 5, 1946; Patrick Allen born October 1, 1949; Carl Peter born February 27, 1953; and Robert Sten born October 6, 1957.

ANNA WISHEK, born July 3, 1896. Married April 26, 1918 to Ryland Benson who died May 7, 1934. Mrs. Benson never remarried, but devoted her life to her children and of late to many grandchildren. Their children are: Twin girls, Barbara and Louise, born March 30, 1919.

Barbara Benson, married Richard M. Thomas February 7, 1943. Their children are: Laurel Lynn Thomas, Richard M. Thomas and Rebecca Louise Thomas.

Louise Anne Benson Peterson Wiese has the following children: Nicholas Bernhard Peterson, Caroline Anne Peterson and Robert Allen Peterson.

Joan Farley Benson, born September 7, 1924, and married to Noel I. Olson on February 24, 1946. They have the following children: Barbara Louise Olson, Eric Donald Olson, Nancy Suzanne Olson and David Reese Olson.

Ryland Reese Benson, born April 2, 1926, and married to Rosemary Pierce on March 29, 1952.

CARL ALLISON WISHEK, born October 14, 1898 at Ashley, was married to Eva Campanella. After graduation from the Wharton School of Commerce at the University of Pennsylvania, Carl associated with the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Lodi, California where he has become a business leader and successful banker.

Their children are:

Sheila Marie Wishek, born November 28, 1936, and

THE WISHEK FAMILY – cont'd

Carl Allison Wishek, born October 6, 1938.

JOHN HENRY WISHEK (deceased), born April 2, 1900, and was married March 21, 1926 to Lillian Mielke (deceased). He was killed in an airplane crash at Bismarck, North Dakota, on September 10, 1949.

John Wishek, Jr., was graduated from Ashley High School in 1920. He attended the University of Minnesota for a time, but returned to Ashley to engage in business. He also taught in a rural school near Ashley. He worked at the First State Bank of Wishek in the early 1920's, and after his marriage to Lillian Mielke in 1926 established his permanent home there. His main interests and activities centered around the family grain elevator business which he managed. He enjoyed outdoor work and in 1939 he became buyer at the Wishek elevator. Another of his interests was the Wishek Concrete Products and Lumber business which he organized and headed until his unfortunate death in an airplane crash at the Bismarck airport on September 10, 1949. He worked closely with his brother Max and after the death of their father in 1932, the brothers continued to manage the family properties. John Wishek was a civic leader and was a recognized booster for his community and the county. He was very active in Republican politics and for a while served as head of the North Dakota Securities Commission under appointment of Governor Walter Welford. He always wanted a son, but fate decreed that they were to have five girls and no boy. It seems somewhat unusual that fate was to do just the opposite when one of his daughters, Lillian, (Mrs. Lester Dempsey) became the mother of six sons and no daughter. After the death of Mr. Wishek, his widow, Lillian Wishek, continued to maintain the home in Wishek until her death on November 18, 1961.

Their children are:

Lillian Wishek who was married to Lester Dempsey on June 15, 1950. They have the following children: John Michael, born July 8, 1951; Steven Wayne born October 4, 1952; Paul Lester born July 17, 1954; James Calvin born April 12, 1958; David Allison born September 16, 1960; and Mark Robert born January 18, 1962.

Virginia Wishek, born January 8, 1931 and married to Joseph N. Anderson on January 12, 1929. They have the following children: Jode Jean Anderson, born January 2, 1956; Ninnette Virginia Anderson, born March 12, 1958; and Madeline Lillian Anderson, born January 29, 1963.

Jonna Helene Wishek, born August 16, 1936, and married to Solomon Hochhalter on October 21, 1956. They have two daughters: Gale Sue Hochhalter, born December 2, 1957; and Karen Anna Hochhalter born August 19, 1959.

Roberta Wishek, born February 8, 1933.

Nina Wishek, born January 16, 1939, and married to John M. Mead of Lisbon, North Dakota, on June 20, 1958. They have one child: John M. Mead IIInd.



MAX ALBERT WISHEK, born August 29, 1901, and married to Viola Louise Hezel on April 8, 1925. Between Mr. and Mrs. Max Wishek is a portrait of Nina Wishek.

Max Albert Wishek was born in Ashley, August 29, 1901, the third son of John H. Wishek and Nina Farley Wishek. He attended the Ashley schools, graduating from the Ashley High School in June, 1919. He attended the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks for two years, then enrolled at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in the fall of 1921. His father graduated from this same law school in 1878. Max was graduated from the law school in 1924 with a degree of LLB. He was admitted to practice law in the State of North Dakota in July, 1924, and returned to practice in Ashley with his father.

After the death of his father in 1932, he practiced for a time with his brother, Homer C. Wishek, and after Homer moved to California he continued the practice alone. He was elected States Attorney of McIntosh County in the 1930 election and served six years, and for two more years in 1939 and 1940. He was defeated by A. O. Ginnow in the November, 1940 election and retired from local politics, but continued his interest in state politics as a staunch Republican. He at no time harbored political ambitions on the state or national levels, but devoted much of his time over many years in helping to maintain a strong Republican organization in the county. He gained a good deal of satisfaction in being elected Republican precinct committeeman in his ward in the June 1962 primary election. He felt it was in recognition of his work for the party in past years.

In 1959 and 1960, Mr. Wishek and a group of citizens opposed the location of the building of the new school west of town favoring a site in the northeastern part of the city. Their group lost out. He feels that this book is not the proper

THE WISHEK FAMILY — cont'd

place to review the costly school controversy, but he hopes that some day someone will, for posterity, write a history of the events that stirred the people of this area more than any occurrence in the past fifty years.

Mr. Wishek was active in helping to promote the growth and development of the city and with other members of the family is responsible for a number of new business buildings, including the Union Elevator, Postoffice building, Cities Service Station, the Ashley Implement Company building, and with others the new bowling alley building. The Wishek family have been heavy taxpayers which has caused Max to become quite critical of unnecessary public spending. He is a director of the North Dakota Taxpayers Association and is active in its work.

Their children are:

Max Albert Wishek Jr., born September 7, 1926, who was married to Mary Ann Brosz on October 29, 1955. They have three children: Maren Louise Wishek, born December 3, 1956; John Adams Wishek, born December 22, 1957, named for his grandfathers; and Robert Farley Wishek, born October 26, 1961.

Max, Jr. is engaged in grain farming and the cattle business and lives at Ashley.

Saloma (Sally) Louise Wishek was born September 30, 1928, and in June, 1951, was married to Orrin Lovell, an attorney. They live in Beach, North Dakota, where Mr. Lovell is serving as States Attorney of Golden Valley County. They have five children: James Bruce, born February 12, 1952; Faith Louise, born July 29, 1954; Kent Wishek, born May 26, 1956; Christopher Charles, born June 19, 1959; and Gregory Max, born March 23, 1961.

Mrs. Max Wishek was very active in library work especially at the time the library was reorganized. She has put much time and effort in rebuilding and improving the old Wishek homestead and grounds on the east side of town, an effort in which she has taken justifiable pride.

Mr. and Mrs. Wishek are members of the Zion Lutheran Church.

Mr. Wishek has been in a position to note the vast change in the city and the people of Ashley. He well remembers, as a small boy, when the baseball diamond was on the site of the city grade school, then the southern edge of town. As the city grew, the diamond was moved two more times, once to the south and then to the northwestern part of town near the present Ed Rau residence. Since then it has been moved to the fairgrounds site where it is today. The present hospital site and all of the area north of the Wishek homestead was a cow pasture until about 1930.

Mr. Wishek also remembers the wooden sidewalks in the business district, and how the small boys of the period would work to extract coins that had fallen between the boards. Some were expert at retrieving them with a pair of sticks. He also recalls that the boys in those days went barefoot from the end of school in June to the first day of school in September.

JEAN MARION WISHEK, born December 15, 1902, and married to Norman Ofsthun on February 24, 1927. They live in Palm Springs, California, and have one child: Mr. Ofsthun, a successful building estimator, is now retired.

Jeanette Ofsthun, married to George G. Congdon of San Diego, California. They have one child: Karen Lyn Congdon, of Escondido, California.

HOMER CEDRIC WISHEK, born January 29, 1906, married June 28, 1930 to Justine McCarthy. Homer for a while practiced law in Ashley with his brother Max, and is now in the real estate and escrow business in California. He is a graduate of Ashley High School and attended the University at Grand Forks and the University of Southern California Law School. They have two children:

Homer C. Wishek, Jr., who is married and lives in LaMirada, California. He and his wife have two children: Stephen B. Wishek and Bradley M. Wishek.

Susan Ann Wishek, married to Charles D. Pappert, La-Mesa, California. They have a son: Michael D. Pappert.

PAUL JOSEPH WISHEK, born October 24, 1908, and married December 3, 1929 to Kathryn Prophet. Paul and his wife lived in Ashley until 1937 when he moved to California. He is in the escrow business.

They had three children:

Barbara Ann Wishek, born September 6, 1930, and married to Stanley Z. Goodfarb, attorney, Phoenix, Arizona. They have one child: Joanna Goodfarb.

Paula Josephine Wishek, born March 27, 1932, and married to Floyd Frederick Nietert. They have two children: Floyd Frederick Nietert and Heidi Ann Nietert.

Catherine Jane Wishek, born April 20, 1937, and married to Eric Gustaf Brelin.

Paul Joseph Wishek was later married to Audrey Whisler and they had two children:

Nicholas Paul Wishek and *Cherie Estelle Wishek*.

Paul lives at Buena Park, California.



JOHN J. SACKMANN

Andreas Sackmann, a son of Johannes and Katherina Sackmann, nee Necker, was born December 16, 1862 in Wittenberg, South Russia. His wife, Karolina Schlabsz, a daughter of Jacob and Susanna Schlabsz, nee Dobler, was born February 5, 1863 in Beresina, South Russia. They were married in South Russia and a few years later came to America. They homesteaded on land ten miles east and one mile south of Ashley. Nine children were born to this union of which four remain. Christina, the late Mrs. Gottlieb Kessel, was born in South Russia on August 30, 1884. Johannes, born July 14, 1886 and Andreas, born November 10, 1889 were the other two children born in South Russia. Friederika, Mrs. Frieda Kessel, born March 4, 1892, now lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Susanna was born November 23, 1894 and Jacob was born November 11, 1896. Susanna, Mrs. Susan Fink, was born August 11, 1899. She lives in Lodi, California. Martin, born February 6, 1901 is the Case Implement dealer in Ashley. Marie, Mrs. Jacob Woeszner, residing in Ashley was born July 18, 1904.

Mr. and Mrs. Andreas Sackmann retired from farming in 1910 and moved to Ashley.

On February 15, 1906 John J. Sackmann was united in marriage with Maria Magdalena Nagel, a daughter of Johann and Christina Nagel, nee Schlenker. Mrs. Sackmann was born near Ashley on November 17, 1887.

Mr. Sackmann filed on land — the southeast quarter of 15-129-69. They lived on this farm until 1910 when they moved to the farm Mr. Sackmann acquired from his father, the present G. L. Sackmann farm. Here they farmed until 1919 when they moved to town and Mr. Sackmann went into the shoe and harness business with his father. In 1923 they decided they liked farming better and moved back to the same farm. With the help of their family, they actively operated this farm until the fall of 1946, when they retired and moved to Ashley.

Of the twelve children born to them, ten remain. Rebecca, born November 12, 1907, married to Joe Daschendorf, Post Office custodian in Ashley. Maria Magdalena, born April 17, 1909. Viola, Mrs. Theo. Maier, born August 13, 1910, living on a farm near Ashley. Maria, born June 26, 1912, wife of Christ Maier, Ashley Motor dealer in Ashley. Loretta, born January 5, 1915, wife of Reinie Kramer, Insurance business in Ashley. Ervin, born November 4, 1916, formerly operated the Sackmann Jewelry store in Ashley. Edna, born February 26, 1919, wife of George Rothfusz, farmer living in Ashley.

Gottlieb, born June 22, 1921 engaged in farming near Ashley. Esther, Mrs. Calvin Hochhalter, born February 9, 1923, teaching school at Worthington, Minn. Johannes and Jacob, twins, born December 18, 1925. Jacob, professor of Religion, North Central College, Naperville, Illinois. Inez, born May 31, 1929, wife of Ray Salzer, Electrician in Ashley.

Mr. and Mrs. Sackmann were members of the Ashley E. U. B. Church. They always took an active interest in church work until the death of Mr. Sackmann on October 13, 1955. Mrs. Sackmann passed away April 15, 1958.



MR. AND MRS. G. C. NITSCHKE

G. C. Nitschke was born in South Russia on July 28, 1886. He was confirmed in April, 1900 in the Lutheran faith. He came to this country on November 21, 1894, with his parents and two brothers. He married Katherina Heyd on March 17, 1908. The ceremony was performed by Reverend Tempke. She was born in South Russia on July 19, 1885. Mrs. Nitschke came to America at the age of one with her parents. In April, 1899, she was confirmed in the Lutheran faith.

Mr. and Mrs. Nitschke were blessed with nine children: Arthur, the eldest, now farming near Ashley; Mrs. Philip (Rose) Eszlinger; Mrs. Gottlieb (Bertha) Eszlinger; both living with their husbands who farm near Ashley; August, who owns the "Nitschke Blacksmith" in Ashley and also farms near Ashley; Rudolph, Richard and Roland, all farming near Ashley; Ferdinand, at home; and Mrs. Werner (Elsie) Hoffman, farming near Leola, South Dakota. Two children passed away in infancy.

The Nitschkes homesteaded on Section 24, Township 130, Range 69 in McIntosh County. They still reside on the same farm. Much extra land has been added since. Many improvements have been made with the passing years. They endured many hardships and had to work very hard, with crude implements and with horses being used to work the land.

Mr. Nitschke had the distinction of serving on the school board for sixteen years.

The Nitschkes are members of the Peace Lutheran Church in which Mr. Nitschke was confirmed and helped construct in the year 1916.

MR. AND MRS. JACOB J. LANDSIEDEL



Jacob J. Landsiedel is the son of Jacob and Elizabeth, nee Reiling, Landsiedel. His grandparents were Henry and Rose, nee Miller, Landsiedel.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Landsiedel were early emigrants from Russia. Mr. Landsiedel was born in Russia and Mrs. Landsiedel in Germany. In 1898, they came to America where they settled in the Tripp, South Dakota area. After a few years there they came north to McIntosh County, North Dakota and filed on land northeast of Ashley. They left the farm in 1908, selling it to their son Jacob and established a home in Ashley. Evidently they enjoyed pioneer life, for in 1917 they took up a homestead in Canada, moved there and developed a good farm. Mr. Landsiedel died in 1924. His wife preceded him, passing away in 1919.

Jacob Landsiedel was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Landsiedel. He was born May 8, 1874 and his wife, Elizabeth, was born July 15, 1877. In 1900, with a month-old baby son they started for the "new country" and after many days of travel reached Tripp, South Dakota where his father was located. There was no land available for homesteading, but Mr. Landsiedel secured work on the section and remained in Tripp for about two years. At that time he took his family to McIntosh County, North Dakota and filed on land near his father's claim, about thirteen miles northeast of Ashley. A sod house was built and the task of improving the prairie farmland was accomplished without the help of much machinery. In 1908 he bought his father's place and moved there. In 1915 Mrs. Landsiedel died at the age of thirty-eight. Mr. Landsiedel continued farming and kept his home. In 1916 he married Elizabeth Wolf. They moved to Ashley in 1936. He died in 1939 and she makes her home in Ashley at the present time.

Jacob J. Landsiedel is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Landsiedel and was born in Russia June 22, 1900. Before he was a year old he had made the long journey from Russia to America and thence on to Tripp, South Dakota. When his parents moved to North Dakota in 1902 he accompanied them to their new home northeast of Ashley. He grew up on the homestead and helped along with the work and learned to farm. He can tell many interesting happenings of the early days. Fortunately, they had several near-by neighbors with whom they visited when not too busy with their work, thus they did not

get too lonely. One neighbor lived but one-half mile away.

Good progress had been made in McIntosh County since the first settlers came in the early 1880's. The slow oxen used for farm work had been replaced by horses and better machinery was available. Mr. Landsiedel remembers well the old walking plows and the threshing machines, also the horse-drawn buggy which transported them to school, church and town. Most of the crops raised were wheat, flax and barley and many had good herds of cattle. One occasion he remembers is a prairie fire which came from the direction of Lehr, North Dakota. The prairies and farm land were covered with dry grass and weeds, making good fuel for a fire. It came toward their home which was a sod house and burned right over the house, doing no harm. Fire-breaks had been plowed around the hay stacks but the fire jumped them and some hay was destroyed. Nearly all farmers had good gardens and raised their yearly supply of potatoes, carrots, cabbage, etc. Vegetables were not on sale in the stores at that time. Many had root cellars where the winter supplies were stored. About the only fruit through the winter was apples. In the fall these were often shipped in carload lots and people went to the train and bought them by the barrel. There were no refrigerated cars then so supplies which were bought before freeze-up time had to last through the winter. When warm weather came oranges, lemons and bananas were frequently available for those who wished to buy them. The first school which Mr. Landsiedel attended was located about two miles from his home. Their first car was bought in 1925 and was a Model T Ford.

After Mr. Landsiedel's parents moved to Ashley in 1936, he continued to live on the farm. He was the third generation to operate that farm.

In 1938 he married Emelia Schilling, born June 10, 1917 in McIntosh County, daughter of John and Christina, nee Schlepp, Schilling. The church which they attended was the Rosenfield. Here they continued to worship until about 1946 when the church was closed. This was necessary because during the drought years of the 1930's so many families had been forced to give up their land and had moved away. There were too few left to support the church, so it was closed. The family then drove to Ashley and joined the Baptist church, and are still members there. The old church building was moved away, but the cemetery remains. Mr. Landsiedel's parents are buried there.

Mr. Landsiedel will always remember the winter of 1943 when the snow was so deep and heavy, and the flood conditions which followed in the spring. One nice day in March the sun came out bright and very warm. The snow started to melt and before nightfall the sloughs had filled to overflowing and the farm yard and buildings were flooded, except for the house and one granary. The house cellar was full, though as much as possible was removed. Time was too short and so much damage was caused. The cattle had to be moved from the barn, also the ten new calves. Where to put them was the question. The cows were left outside. They were used to being milked in the barn and didn't like this new procedure. The calves were put in the granary which was the only available place. With all this water around the

MR. AND MRS. JACOB J. LANDSIEDEL — cont'd

real hardship was that there was no water to drink. The well along with everything else was under water. This was the first time since they lived on the place that any such flood had occurred. Finally things settled back to normal and living and work went on as usual. In the fall they moved to, and later bought, another farm near by. Mr. Landsiedel served as a school board member for twelve years. For many years Mrs. Landsiedel had extra work, too, as she furnished room and board and did laundry for the teacher. For these services she received \$15.00 per month at first and later somewhat more. At one time, school was conducted in the Landsiedel home.

In 1959, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob J. Landsiedel built a modern home in Ashley and reside there at the present time. They continue to operate their farm. They have four daughters: Mavis, married to Marvin Schock; Violet, married to Bruce Frisch; Luella, married to Duane Schauer; and Gaylene, living at home. They have three grandchildren: Twila Schock, Neal Frisch and Shannon Schauer.



JOHN J. AND LOUISA WEBER

At the turn of the century, in 1901, the late John J. Weber came to McIntosh County from Lesterville, South Dakota where he was born on June 7, 1879. He was twenty-two years of age when he arrived to file on a homestead ten miles northwest of Ashley. Here he spent many years of hardship: clearing his land, plowing with a hand plow, and struggling through droughts, 'hoppers, crop failures, prairie fires, and blizzards that lasted four and five days.

On July 28, 1907, he was united in marriage to Louisa Kraemer of Scotland, South Dakota at the Ashley Reformed Church of which he was a member. They lived on their homestead until the year 1918 when they moved to Danzig. Mr. Weber farmed his land for five more years, and then, in 1923, he purchased a meat market and cream station in Danzig which he operated until his death on May 18, 1943.

Mr. and Mrs. Weber were charter members of the Danzig Reformed Church organized in the early 1920's, and he served as elder and deacon for seventeen years.

Three daughters were born to them: Esther (Mrs. Sam S. Eszlinger), living at Ashley; Edwina (Mrs. Julius C. Retzer), living at Ashley; and Viola, (Mrs. Calvin Dockter), living at Ventura, North Dakota.

In 1946, Mrs. Weber moved to Ashley where she is making her home and living alone at the age of eighty-one.



MR. AND MRS. FRED HOFFMAN AND ALVINA

Fred Hoffman was born December 30, 1891 in Eureka, South Dakota. He was the son of Samuel and Katherina (nee Werre) Hoffman, both of whom were born in South Russia.

A few years later he, with his parents, one brother and two sisters, left Eureka and came to McIntosh County. The family located their homestead on Section 27, Township 129, Range 69. While still a young boy, Fred had to assume the responsibilities as head of the family, owing to the death of his father. He spent his boyhood trying to earn a living for his mother and family.

In 1933 he was united in marriage to Bertha Heyd, the daughter of John and Katherina (nee Hauck) Heyd of Long Lake, South Dakota. The ceremony was performed by Reverend H. M. Bauer of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. The young couple located on a farm eight miles southeast of Ashley and resided there until September 1960 when they moved to Ashley. Two years later, February 17, 1962, Mr. Hoffman died, at the age of 72 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman were members of the Zion Lutheran Church. They had one child, Alvina, born March 7, 1934. She is married to Wilbert Ulrich.

Mrs. Hoffman still resides in their home in Ashley.

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MR. AND MRS. CHRISTOPH BAUER



Christoph Bauer, known as Christ, was born to Gottfried Bauer and wife Barbara, nee Koepplin, on November 23, 1885 in Grossliebenstadt, South Russia. At the age of two his father died and he was taken into the home of his aunt and uncle, John and Elizabeth Koepplin.

In 1894 they came to the United States on the same ship with his mother and stepfather, John Zimmerman. They arrived in Menno, South Dakota in March of the same year and stayed with friends by the name of Handel until June, when they moved to a farm in McIntosh County, about twelve miles southwest of Wishek, North Dakota. They resided there until 1898 when they moved to a farm in Logan County, about seven miles northwest of Lehr, North Dakota.

On September 11, 1906, Christ and Margaret Bauer, nee Goebel, who was born at Eureka, South Dakota to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Goebel, were joined in matrimony. On the same afternoon of their marriage they moved to a farm six miles north of Lehr, North Dakota, which they had rented from their brother-in-law, William Klein. During the two years they resided here two sons were born: Theodore, who lives in Ashley with his wife, Maggie, nee Sackman, and is employed by the Soo Line, and Albert, who died in 1918.

In 1908 they homesteaded on a farm southwest of Lehr which buildings they built themselves with the help of relatives. It was here that three more children were born: Barbara, who passed away in infancy; Ottilia, who resides with her husband Harold, who is a Colonel in the Air Force stationed at Travis AFB, California and her children, Terrence, who is also in the Air Force stationed at Travis and Patricia, who is a Federal Civil Service stenographer employed by the Air Force at Travis; Walter, who is employed by the Soo Line, lives in Ashley with his wife Esther, nee Schultz, and son James, who at this time just joined the Air Force and is stationed at Lackland AFB, Texas.

They resided on this farm until 1912 when Christ, his brother, William Bauer, and his brothers-in-law, Fred Goebel and William Klein, bought a grain elevator in Lehr which they operated until 1919 when it burned.

During 1920 and 1921, Christ was a dealer for the J. I. Case Agency, in Lehr. They then moved to Ashley and from October 1921 to 1932 he was employed by the McIntosh County Investment Company as a grain buyer for their elevator.

In 1928 he was elected a city councilman which office he held for four years. In 1932 he was elected County Sheriff which he held until 1936. He then rented the Standard Service station from Henry Huether and Mrs. Schauer which he operated until 1940 when he was again elected County Sheriff. He served in this office until 1945 when they moved to Lodi, California.

A few days after their arrival in Lodi, Christ obtained employment with the government as a foreman supervising German prisoners at Lathrop, California. He was employed in this position for eight months when he had to resign due to illness.

In 1946 he was employed by the City of Lodi as a park policeman, but because of illness he resigned in 1950. During the years of 1950 to 1952 Christ was unable to work due to illness.

Upon his recovery in 1952 he obtained employment with the Gienger Linoleum Company of Lodi by whom he was employed until 1956.

During the same year, Christ and Margaret returned to Ashley for a vacation where their children honored them with a fiftieth wedding anniversary celebration which was held at the First Baptist Church in Ashley.

Upon their return to Lodi, Christ retired. They presently reside at 333 East Elm Street in Lodi.



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F. F. BENDER

F. F. Bender, President of the McIntosh County Bank of Ashley, North Dakota began his business career in Ashley in 1925 as Assistant Register of Deeds where he was employed for three years. He has been engaged in the banking business in Ashley since 1928, and has been the Official Abstractor of McIntosh County, with the Ashley Abstract Company since 1935.



Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Bender

The late Jacob and Katharina Bender were his parents. He was born on January 7, 1906 on a farm two miles south of Ashley and has been a resident of McIntosh County all his life. After attending four years of country school, the

Ashley Public School and Bismarck Business College supplied the remainder of his formal education.

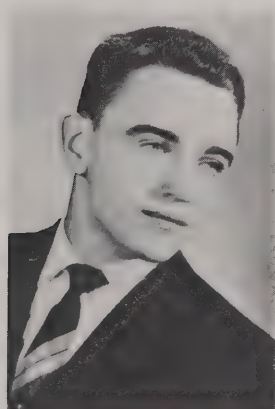
Emma Sprattler, daughter of Mrs. George L. Sprattler and the late Reverend Sprattler, became his bride on June 25, 1933. The Sprattler family moved to Ashley from American Falls, Idaho in 1922. Her father was the Pastor of the Zion Lutheran Church until 1933. The majority of her education was received in the Ashley Public School. In 1932 she was graduated as a Registered Nurse from St. Luke's School of Nursing in Fargo, North Dakota.

They are the parents of four children. Margaret, married to Gideon Raile formerly of Wishek N.D. is a graduate Registered Nurse of St. Luke's School of Nursing, Fargo, N. D. Gideon has now accepted a position as Assistant Cashier and is in charge of the Insurance Department in the McIntosh County Bank of Ashley, North Dakota.

The Railes have two children; Joy Annette, four years, and Mary Margaret, eleven months.

Frank, a Civil Engineering graduate of North Dakota State University and an employee of the State Highway Department, Bismarck, North Dakota, is married to the former Aldine Kirmis of Ellendale, North Dakota, a graduate of the University of North Dakota.

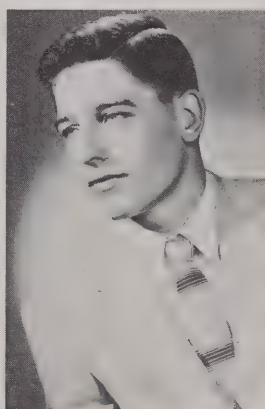
The twins, Eugene and Donald, are attending Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota. Eugene, a junior, is majoring in psychology. Donald, also a junior, is majoring in instrumental music.



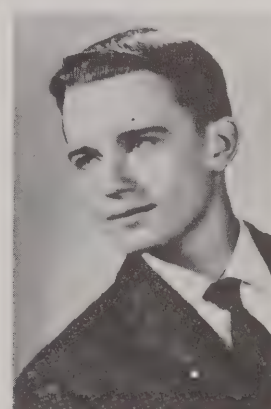
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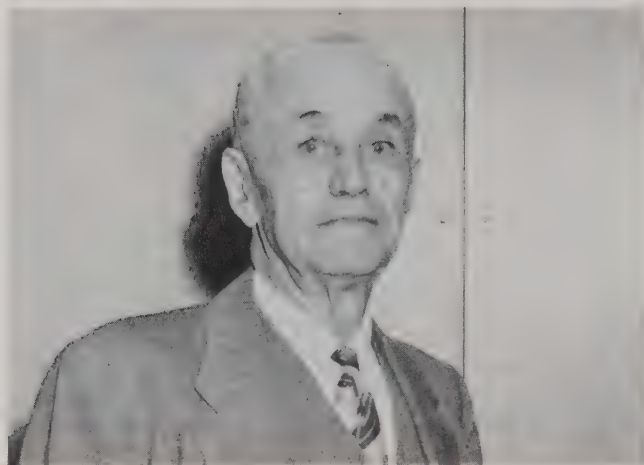
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Throughout their entire married life, both Mr. and Mrs. Bender have been active in civic affairs. Mr. Bender has served in several capacities in various organizations. Some of which are Lions Club, Hospital Board, Firemen, Jubilee, Ashley School Board, City Council, R.O.C. Organization, Red Cross, City Band, Commercial Club and Businessmens Association.

The highlight of his social activities has been singing first tenor with the Ashley Male Quartet in which he began as a teenager. The quartet has broadcasted considerably over radio stations and sang for many occasions and jubilees in both Dakotas. Mrs. Bender has been active in the Hospital Auxiliary organization, Red Cross Home Nursing Chairman and has worked full-time and now part-time nursing in the McIntosh County Hospital at Ashley.

They are members of the Zion Lutheran Church of Ashley and have served in practically every phase of the churches' activities.

CHRISTIAN RETZER JR.



April, 1963 marked the 74th year since Christian Retzer, Jr. left his native land of South Russia with his parents and other emigrants. Their destination was North America. Christian Retzer, Sr. and his wife, Rosina, born Opp, arrived in Ashley, McIntosh County, North Dakota in April, 1889 and settled on land about six miles southwest of Ashley. Here they built their sod house and started farming, almost "from scratch", the same as most of the other newcomers did. As he grew up Christian Retzer, Jr. helped his father as much as he could with the farm work and in this way learned to be a good farmer. November 15, 1906 he married Fredericka Hoffman. The Reverend Wilhelm Landsiedel of the Ashley Reformed Church performed the marriage rites.

Christian Retzer, Jr. now established his own home and continued farming for himself. While it is true he and his wife did not endure the hardship which the earlier emigrants did, he had his "ups and downs" too. The worst years came during the severe drought of the 1930's by which time he was making a success of Dakota farming.

In the fall of 1916 his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Christian Retzer, Sr. retired from their many years of hard work at farming and moved to Ashley for a well-earned rest. Christian Retzer, Sr. was born November 23, 1863 in Gluecksthal, South Russia and died December 9, 1939. His wife Rosina was born November 12, 1862 and died March 11, 1948. Thus ended their earthly life.

Christian Retzer, Jr. carried on extensive farming operations on the homestead until his retirement in the fall of 1943. He then turned his farm over to his sons and he and his wife set up their home in Ashley. Not too long after moving to Ashley, Mrs. Retzer became ill and she died June 9, 1945. She was born May 23, 1888.

Mr. Retzer was born April 20, 1885 in Russia. He has spent most of his life in this vicinity where his parents settled and where he farmed until his retirement. He has watched Ashley and the surrounding community grow from bare prairie to the present prosperous city and county. Many fine business places and up-to-date homes have been built and trees have been planted and cared for throughout the town and country. Other modern necessities such as telephones, electric lights and running water are being enjoyed. The past few years the streets have been paved and a well equipped hospital built and operated. Yes, the city of Ashley has grown, but the surrounding farm area has also been built up and improv-

ed. Almost all farmers have homes which are as up-to-date as any located in town. They are well furnished and have most of the modern conveniences deemed necessary today. Much of this improvement has been due to the fair and good crops since the drought years of the 1930's ended and the rains came. Credit can also be given to the modern machines which have been invented, manufactured and made available in recent years to aid farmers in preparing the soil for planting and also in harvesting the crops. Mr. Retzer has watched the change and vast improvements from the one bottom, wooden beam brake plow and the one bottom stubble plow (both walking plows) to the new modern four and five bottom tractor plows; from the scythe and old model binder and header to the swather and combine; from oxen to horses and then to the modern tractors of today. Many changes for the better have been made, not only in both country and town homes but in better methods of farm operations. The vast majority of these changes have been made during the twenty-five years just past. It is also true that during these twenty-five years the over-all tax has risen quite noticeably and prices in general are higher regardless of whether you have something to buy or to sell. New school districts have been organized and school busses are operated to transport farm children to the town schools. By so doing the farm children are given the same educational advantages as the town pupils and also they have the use of our fine new High School. This was constructed in 1960-1961 and is well equipped and well staffed with competent instructors.

When Mr. Retzer retired from farming he was not satisfied to just rest. He secured employment at the Coast to Coast Store, then operated by Joe Little. Later, when Wayne Rowe purchased the store from Mr. Little, Mr. Retzer continued his work there for three years.

Mr. and Mrs. Christian Retzer, Jr. were the parents of five children: Mary Magdalena, married to C. H. Meyer, live in Ashley and operate a Confectionery Store, have a daughter Diana Marie, born November 9, 1951; Julius Christian, married to Edwina Weber, live in Ashley and operate the Retzer homestead, have three children, Jerald Julius born June 15, 1943, Kenneth John, born March 21, 1948 and Linda Louise born September 1, 1955; Anna Adelina, married to Otto Maier, live in Ashley and do farming, have two daughters, Patricia Ann, born October 21, 1949 and Bonita Marie, born October 12, 1950; Arthur Walter, married to Hilda Haerter, operate and live on a farm near Ashley, have four children, Glen Ralph born December 18, 1948, Wayne Walter, born April 3, 1950, Margaret Magdalene, born March 18, 1951 and Steven Arthur born September 28, 1952; and Esther Viola, married to Oscar Erlenbusch, live in Ashley where Esther is employed as book-keeper at Ashley Creamery and Oscar is mechanic in charge of the Ashley School busses, have one daughter, Barbara Sue, born June 9, 1958.

Christian Retzer, Jr. and all his children are at this time members of the Zion Lutheran Church of Ashley. He is active and is interested in all progressive improvements for Ashley and McIntosh County. He is enjoying fairly good health at the present time.

A more detailed account of the early pioneer life and experiences in a new country, of Christian Retzer, Jr. and his father, Christian Retzer, Sr., is contained in the Golden Jubilee historical book which was published in 1938.



GOTTLIEB HAERTER

Gottlieb Haerter was born in Beresina, South Russia, March 19, 1887, and came to America with his parents, Johann Haerters, who settled on land about five miles east of Ashley. He was married to Amilia Wahl on July 14, 1910. They have six children: Ruth, Mrs. Julius Klipfel; Barbara, Mrs. Andrew Kraemer; Esther, Mrs. Oscar Drefs; Hilda, Mrs. Walter Retzer; Wilmar and Paul.

Mr. Haerter was always engaged in farming east of Ashley until the time of his retirement in 1947 at which time he took residence in Ashley, where he still resides. His wife died in 1954 and after living alone for a period of over four years he married Mrs. Lydia Rempfer of Zeeland.

Mr. Haerter has always been active in public affairs. He served as school director in his district many years and was also a director of the Ashley National Farm Loan Association from 1933 to 1936. In the depression years this association refinanced many real estate loans as an associate of the Federal Land Bank at a time when no other credit was available.

Mr. Haerter was always interested in politics and government. His conservative views gained him the respect of his associates and friends.

A more complete history of Mr. Haerter may be found in the 1938 Jubilee Book.



B. F. HEITZMANN

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Foster Heitzmann, with their two sons, Duane and Paul, came to Ashley in the fall of 1938, where Mr. Heitzmann was employed as superintendent of the Ashley Public School for five years.

In 1944, Mr. Heitzmann decided to leave the field of teaching and go into business. Having had special training in piano tuning and repair service, he opened a local piano store. New pianos were hard to get at that time because of the war, so his business consisted mainly of buying and selling used pianos. After several years in the piano business, furniture was added, as well as appliances. The business was first located in the building which now houses the Klipfel Heating Company, but with the expanding business it was soon necessary to move into a larger place. He then moved to where the Walker Produce Company is now located, but this also proved inadequate; so, in 1946 he moved his business to its present location one block south of the Hotel Raymond. In 1948 a small bottlegas bulk plant was added to the business. Some of the more regular employees of this company during the time it has been in existence are: Herman Bertsch; Jacob Bollinger; John Jenner; Albert Brandner; Herbert K. Bertsch; Wilbert Steinwandt; Gordon Walker; Elroy Walker; Oliver Wahl; Ervin Korte; Christ Denning and Oswald Fischer. The following persons were employed as sales ladies and book-keepers: Mrs. Norma Fischer Steinwandt; Mrs. Lawrence Sackmann and Aldina Just. The present employees are Miss Aldina Just, Andrew Schauer and Gottlieb Kempf.

In 1943 a daughter, Janice, was born. Both boys and Janice are graduates of the Ashley High School. Duane and Paul matriculated at the Ellendale State Teachers College. After two years at this school both of the boys transferred to the North Dakota State University at Fargo, where they received their degrees in engineering. Janice is a sophomore at the Ellendale State Teachers College.

Duane is an industrial engineer for the Rocketdyne division of the North American Aviation Corporation, of Los Angeles, California, and Paul is an engineer for the Robbins & Meyers Propellair Division located at Springfield, Ohio.

Mr. Heitzmann's wife, Beada, has been teaching for the past several years, and is at present teaching in the elementary department of the Ashley Public School System.

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Mr. and Mrs. Art Bender and daughters, Carol and Connie, live on a farm twelve miles south of Wishek, North Dakota.

Mr. Bender was born on November 9, 1922 in a little three-room house on this farm. His parents are Fred K. and Emelia Bender, nee Miller. Art Bender has one brother, Walter of Wishek, North Dakota and two sisters, Martha, now Mrs. Herbert Kautz, and Irene, now Mrs. Elmer Schauer, both of rural Wishek, North Dakota.

During his youth, Art Bender helped work on the family farm, and recalls that all the field work was done with horses, such as plowing, seeding, headering, binding, etc. Some of the first real jobs he had were driving header box during harvest time and raking hay with the horses and a dump rake. In later years gradually farm machinery was mechanized and today everything is done with tractors and some self-propelled equipment.

In 1947 Art Bender and his father, Fred K. Bender, started to farm on a 50-50 income and expense-share basis and many farm machines were bought together. This father and son partnership existed until 1950 when Mr. Bender's father retired and moved to Wishek. Mr. Bender bought out his father's interest in the machinery and cattle and since then, a little at a time, some of the home-place land has been bought.

Today Mr. and Mrs. Bender own 1080 acres of land and rent 1400 acres. Mr. Bender has 1100 acres under cultivation and 1380 acres in pasture and hayland. Along with grain farming the Benders raise Angus cattle, most winters feeding out a bunch of steers and heifers for market.

On September 5, 1948 (at the Berlin Baptist Church) Mr. Bender was married to Phyllis Wolf of rural Lehr, North Dakota. They have two daughters, Carol, age twelve, and Connie, age ten.

The Benders are all members of the First Baptist Church of Wishek, North Dakota. At present Mr. Bender is deacon of the church, having served since 1959. He has also been Sunday School teacher since 1944. Mrs. Bender has been Sunday

School teacher for many years and at present is president of The Dorcas Society. Mr. and Mrs. Bender have both been active in the church choir for many years.

Mrs. Bender, nee Phyllis Wolf, was born August 7, 1928 near Lehr, North Dakota, an only child of Fred F. and the late Mrs. Fred F. Wolf, nee Katie Meidinger.

Mr. Bender is proud of the fact that he was born, reared and lived in the same place the forty years of his life and the Benders hope to stay there for many more years. Their doors are always open to visitors and friends.



MR. AND MRS. ADAM S. HAAS

Adam S. Haas, son of George and Katherina Haas, nee Knoll, was born in Menno, South Dakota on January 11, 1885. In 1887 he moved with his parents to North Dakota on a homestead one-half mile west of Venturia where he worked with his parents on the farm during his boyhood years. He attended country school.

Having grown to manhood, he was married to Sophia Woehl of Wishek, North Dakota on December 20, 1907. She was born at Lichtenfeld, South Russia on April 4, 1886, a daughter of Jacob Woehl and Margaret Woehl, nee Brenneise. She came to America with her parents when she was three years old and first settled near Eureka, South Dakota. Two years later, in October of 1889, they located sixteen miles southwest of Wishek, where she grew to womanhood. They are the parents of three children, one daughter and two sons. They are: Relina, Mrs. Arthur Breitling; Albert and Leon.

Mr. and Mrs. Haas, in the year 1908 operated a farm five miles northwest of Venturia. After 36 years on that farm they retired in the year 1944 and moved to Ashley where they still reside in the western part of town. They have six grandchildren, three girls and three boys.

In the year 1957, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Haas were honored at a surprise gathering in observance of their fiftieth anniversary. The event was planned by the children, and held at the Haas home.

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CHRIST HILDENBRAND

Christian Hildenbrand, the son of Jacob and Elizabeth Hildenbrand, was born August 23, 1889 in South Russia. He came to America in 1907 and settled on a farm near Ashley with his parents.

On October 12, 1911 he was united in marriage to Margaretha Nitschke. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hildenbrand, six of whom are still living; Jacob, Seattle, Washington; Emma (Mrs. Walter Fiechtner), Monango, North Dakota; Arthur, Portland, Oregon; Lily (Mrs. Edwin Hoffman), Paynesville, Minnesota; Esther (Mrs. August Schumacher); and Edwin, Ashley, North Dakota.

The Hildenbrands lived on a farm east of Ashley until 1945 when they retired and moved to Ashley.

EDWARD BENDEWALD

Edward Bendewald, son of Gottlieb Bendewald and Fredericka, nee Opp, was born September 14, 1914, on a farm 12 miles northeast of Ashley, North Dakota. In 1928 he moved to Ashley with his parents where he received his education and grew to manhood. His father migrated from Russia in 1894; his mother in 1905.

December 29, 1935, he united in marriage with Eva Wolf, ceremony officiated by Rev. J. C. Jung, in the Lutheran Church of Ashley.

The first two years of his married life, he worked on W.P.A. at \$40.00 a month.

In 1944, he purchased a bar business from Fred Breitmeyer and since that time is in business known as Benjy's Bar at Ashley.

MR. AND MRS. OTTO HELFENSTEIN

Otto Helfenstein was born October 30, 1919 to Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Helfenstein (nee Eva Wolf) on a farm eleven miles south of Ashley. His brothers and sisters include Edna, (Mrs. Alvin Opp), and Verna, (Mrs. Melvin Mettler), both of Portland, Oregon; Walter, who now owns and operates the homestead; Ruben, of Ashley; Ervin, of Rapid City, South Dakota; and Harvey and Curtis, both of whom are in the army.

His mother died suddenly on July 31, 1956. His father, who has since remarried, now lives in Eureka, South Dakota.

In 1939 Otto moved to Long Lake and with his uncle, David C. Wolf, as a partner he operated a business consisting of a cream station, gas station and car dealer. He was called into the army in 1942 and served his country for three years and nine months during the second World War. Thirty months of this period was spent in Australia, Japan, New Guinea, and the Philippine Islands.

When he returned in November 1945, he was employed for a few months as a clerk in the Gamble Store at Eureka. Then, in February 1946, with John B. Retzer as a partner, he bought a tavern at Ashley from Gust and Elsie Pfahl. A year later he bought out his partner, and Mr. Helfenstein has now owned and operated the establishment known as "Otto's Bar" for the past seventeen years.

On June 19, 1949 Otto was married to Darlene Zenker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Zenker, (nee Martha Hoffman), at Long Lake, South Dakota. She was raised on a farm one mile south of Long Lake, and has one brother, Harvin, who is still operating the homestead. Her parents are now living at Leola.

Mr. and Mrs. Helfenstein were blessed with four daughters: Bonita, born June 30, 1953; Twila, born July 4, 1955; Sheila, born June 7, 1959; and Faye, born May 17, 1962.

The family are members of the Ashley Reformed Church of which Mr. Helfenstein has served as Deacon and Trustee. Mrs. Helfenstein is an active member of the Women's Fellowship Organization.

Mr. Helfenstein is active in several organizations which serve his community, namely: The American Legion; Ashley Fire Department; Businessmens Association; and the Lions Club, of which he served as president in 1960.

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MRS. KATHERINE BERTSCH

Mrs. Katherine Bertsch was born December 1, 1884 in South Russia, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johannes Sperle.

When she was seventeen years of age, the family came to America and settled east of Ashley.

In 1906 she was married to Fred Bertsch. Six children were born to the Bertschs. One son died in infancy and a daughter at fourteen years of age. One daughter, Mrs. Reinhold Bender, lives in Ashley and a son, Oscar, lives with his mother. Gottlieb Bertsch lives in Aberdeen, South Dakota. Edwin Bertsch served four years in the army in the second world war. He now lives in Kennewick, Washington.

Mrs. Bertsch's husband died of a heart attack, September 30, 1958.



MR. AND MRS. GEORGE KAUL

George Kaul was born in South Russia in the year 1888, the son of George Kaul and wife Karolina, nee Walt. He was the eldest of seven children all of whom migrated to America to escape the unrest of the old country. One sister died.

On January 29, 1931 Mr. Kaul was married to Elizabeth Aipperspach in the Lutheran faith by Pastor Saep. To this faith Mr. and Mrs. Kaul have subscribed and are now members of the Lutheran Church in Ashley. Mrs. Kaul has four sisters and two brothers, all residing in the old country.

Following the reports of a wonderful new country, they boarded a ship for America on April 27, 1913 arriving in Germany where a two-week lay-over was necessary. They boarded a freighter which brought them to this new land, arriving at Eureka, South Dakota June 9, 1913. Here Mr. and Mrs. Kaul worked for relatives until 1914 when they rented a farm southeast of Ashley, North Dakota. In 1916 they moved to the Jacob Schrenk farm 9 miles southwest of Ashley where they farmed until 1924 when they bought a farm 3 miles northeast of Ashley. They made their home there until retirement in 1946 when they moved to Ashley.

To this union three children were born, two dying in infancy. Marie, born January 17, 1915 is married to Herbert Opp and lives near Eureka. The Kauls have two grandsons, Roger Opp living at Rapid City, South Dakota and Floyd Opp, a senior in Eureka High School; and one great-grandson, Kevin Opp.

Mr. and Mrs. Kaul adopted a son, Ervin, living at Townsend, Montana. Ervin is married to LaVina, nee Frey. Their children add four more grandsons to the family: Gary age sixteen, Tony age fifteen, Steven age ten, and Rickey age five.

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MR. AND MRS. JOHNNIE KNOPP



Johnnie Knopp was born on a farm twenty-two miles east and north of Ashley on November 11, 1898. It was the farm which his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Knopp, had homesteaded in 1888, two years after coming to America.

As a boy, Mr. Knopp attended public school in Beresina School District and helped his father on the farm. He well remembers how he walked behind the plow and turned the prairie sod. The entire family helped when his father threshed the neighbor's grain. His father operated the separator; brother Ed was the engineer; young Johnnie hauled straw to keep the

old steamer puffing away, and sister Christina fetched the water for the boilers.

At the age of twenty-one, Mr. Knopp married Julia Hilscher. The young couple farmed with Mr. Knopp's parents for one year, after which the Gottfried Knopps retired from farming and established residence in Kulm. Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Knopp took over the old home place, which he bought in 1926. The house was made of clay bricks which had been fashioned by hand. Here the Knopps lived until 1949 when they built a new, modern home.

Mr. Knopp served on the school board for sixteen years, was county assessor for seven years, and was a McIntosh County commissioner for four years. He served four years on the County Welfare Board, being chairman three years.

The Knopps are members of the Seventh Day Adventist Church of Kulm.

For the last four years, Mr. and Mrs. Knopp have spent the winter months in Lincoln, Nebraska. They also spent one winter in Denver, Colorado and one winter in Lodi, California. Mr. Knopp loves country life. He is always eager to get back to the farm in the spring, for he enjoys working in the soil and with livestock.

Four children were born to the Knopps: Adeline who died in 1958; Mrs. Wilbert Schnabel, Jamestown, North Dakota; Marvin, with his father on the farm near Ashley; and Ivan, territory manager for Royal McBee Corporation, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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MRS. PAUL T. KRETSCHMAR



Mrs. Paul T. Kretschmar, the former Katharina Mattis, was born in Alt-Danzig, South Russia, on January 25, 1875. In 1886 her family came to the United States and homesteaded in McIntosh County, Dakota Territory, approximately six miles west of the present Danzig, North Dakota.

Mrs. Kretschmar's father, Johann Mattis, passed away in December of 1886, and young Katharina, the family's eldest child, early learned to assume adult responsibilities. During her teens she worked for various families in Ashley, Ellendale, and Kulm, including the J. H. Wisheks, the George W. Lillys, and C. C. Hammonds. Most of her earnings were sent home to assist her mother and younger brothers and sisters.

On March 16, 1896, she married Paul T. Kretschmar at the Danzig Baptist Church near the Mattis homestead. The young couple lived for some time on the farm now occupied by the August Kaseman family about nine miles north and west of the present site of Venturia, North Dakota. In the fall of 1898 Mr. Kretschmar was elected Clerk of Court for McIntosh County, and the family moved to Ashley. Mr. Kretschmar served as Clerk of Court until 1905, and was County Auditor from 1905 through 1908.

In 1912 the family moved to Venturia where Mr. Kretschmar was associated with the First State Bank. He had become president of that bank in 1909, a position he held until his death in 1941. Mr. Kretschmar served as Senator from the 36th Legislative District from 1911 through 1918, and from 1923 through 1930. In 1930 and 1931 he was President of the North Dakota State Bankers Association.

The Kretschmars had three sons and a daughter. Otto B., William E., and Mary B. reside in Venturia, while Paul O. lives in Eureka, South Dakota.

Mrs. Kretschmar still makes her home in Venturia and is quite active although she celebrated her 88th birthday last January. She takes great pride in her large garden, which annually yields quantities of potatoes, carrots, onions, pumpkins, and other vegetables. Mrs. Kretschmar also is an enthusiastic crocheter, and she has delighted many of her relatives and friends with gifts of beautiful lace skillfully made from the finest of thread.

The Kretschmars' eldest son, Otto B., has been with the Venturia Lumber Company since 1914. He and his wife, the former Florence Wiedmann of Venturia, have four children, three of whom are living. All of their children, Bruce E., Wayne A., Grace M., and Beatrice J., are graduates of Ashley High School.

Bruce E. Kretschmar lives in Ashley, where he practices law and is States Attorney of McIntosh County, a position he has held since 1947. He attended the University of North Dakota and is a graduate of the University of Washington Law School. During World War II he was on active duty with the United States Navy, and upon his discharge in 1946 had attained the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade. He served in the South Pacific on the heavy cruiser, USS Montpelier, and later was executive officer on an LST, an invasion vessel for landing tanks on beachheads. His wife is the former Helen Zidzik of Weirton, West Virginia. They have four children, Susan, Marian, John, and David, all pupils in the Ashley Public School.

Second Lieutenant Wayne A. Kretschmar was lost on a bombing raid while serving with the 15th Air Force in Italy in 1944. He was the co-pilot on a B-24 "Liberator" and was participating in an attack upon the vital Ploesti oil fields in Rumania when his plane was hit. He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart Medal, and also received the Good Conduct Medal. Wayne attended the University of North Dakota, and was employed in the First State Bank of Venturia prior to his enlistment.

Grace M. Kretschmar, now Mrs. John A. Landowski of Moorhead, Minnesota, attended the University of North Dakota, and taught in the Venturia Public School prior to her marriage. The Landowskis have three children, Catherine, Wayne, and Frances. Mr. Landowski is with the Fargo Foundry Co.

Beatrice J. Kretschmar, who is Betty to her friends, is a graduate of the University of North Dakota. She is married to Arthur Arnold, a geologist for the State of California. The Arnolds live in Sacramento, California, and have four children, Benjamin, Elizabeth, Barbara, and Margaret.

Paul T. and Katharina Kretschmars' only daughter, Mary B. Kretschmar, attended the NI at Ellendale, and taught in the Venturia school for several years. Miss Kretschmar has been active in civic affairs and club work. She is president of the Venturia Homemakers' Club, a post she has often held, and is also a member of the Ashley Women's Club. She served as president of the Sixth District, North Dakota General Federation of Women's Clubs for the 1961-63 term.

William E. Kretschmar, the second son of Paul T. and Katharina Kretschmar, is a graduate of Ashley High School, and was cashier of the First State Bank of Venturia until 1945. In that year the bank was voluntarily closed, and all depositors paid in full. Mr. Kretschmar served as County

MRS. PAUL T. KRETSCHMAR — cont'd

Commissioner from the Third District, and was also a member of the County FSA Board. He is now retired, and actively enjoys several hobbies—beekeeping, raising fantail pigeons, and growing flowers.

He is married to the former Frances Peterson of Litchfield, Minnesota. They have one son, William E., who practices law with Bruce E. Kretschmar at Ashley. He is a graduate of Ashley High School, the College of St. Thomas, and the University of Minnesota Law School.

Paul O. Kretschmar, the youngest son of Paul T. and Katharina Kretschmar, is a practicing attorney at Eureka, South Dakota. He graduated from Ashley High School and the University of Minnesota Law School. He has served as States Attorney of McPherson County, and has been a member of both the South Dakota Senate and House of Representatives. Mr. Kretschmar has also served on the South Dakota Highway Commission. He is married to the former Bertha Homeyer of Eureka, and they have one son, and two daughters.

Their son, Paul O. Kretschmar Jr., practices medicine in Vancouver, Washington. He is a graduate of Eureka High School, attended the University of South Dakota, and received his M.D. degree from the University of Illinois Medical School. Dr. Kretschmar served in the United States Navy, and was a medical fellow at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota. He is married to the former Margaret Linton of Newton, Massachusetts, and they have one daughter, Janet.

Esther and Elinor Kretschmar, the twin daughters of Paul O. and Bertha Kretschmar, are graduates of Eureka High School. Esther received a bachelor's degree from South Dakota State College and a master's degree in English from the University of South Dakota. She is married to Thomas Wittmayer of Eureka, and presently resides near Ft. Dietrich, Maryland, where her husband is serving in the United States Army.

Elinor Kretschmar graduated from the University of South Dakota. She is married to Michael Wenzel of Eureka, and now lives in Kingsville, Texas, where Ensign Wenzel, a Navy pilot, is stationed.



MR. AND MRS. AUGUST THURN

August Thurn, son of a pioneer Ashley hardware dealer, the late Ludwig Thurn and his wife, Rosina, was born in McIntosh County, January 3, 1896. As a youth August worked on the family farm with his father and brothers.

He was united in marriage to Carolina Kempf in the Zion Lutheran Church on November 6, 1921. That same year his father left the farm to go into business in Ashley. The young couple remained to farm the home place.

After thirty-one years on the farm, the Thurns moved to Ashley. They have built a new home in the southern part of town. Mr. Thurn continued to farm from town until 1961 when he retired from farming. He is employed at the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office.

The Thurns have three children, all graduates of the Ashley High School. "

Irva, (Mrs. Kenneth Sederstrom) born May 13, 1923, lives in Hopkins, Minnesota and has a daughter, Marcia, age ten. Mr. Sederstrom is Personnel Manager at Red Owl office at Hopkins, Minnesota.

Wilbert, born June 17, 1925, is married to the former Marion Ulmer of Fullerton, North Dakota. Wilbert was graduated from the Normal School at Ellendale, North Dakota and is an Industrial Arts teacher at Laurel, Montana. He has two sons: Steve, age eleven and Jeff, age eight.

Carrol Thurn was born August 15, 1936. He is a graduate of the University of North Dakota and is employed by the Minneapolis Honeywell Co. at Hopkins, Minnesota. His wife is the former Beverly Klipfel. They have one son, Paul, age one.

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MR. AND MRS. ANDREW SACKMANN

Andrew Sackmann, a son of the late Andreas Sackmann and his wife, Rosina, nee Reuther, was born December 12, 1911, on a farm eleven miles east of Ashley, North Dakota. Here he resided with his parents until they moved to Ashley in 1928. He worked in a general merchandise store, then owned and operated by Fred Fink until 1930 when he with his dad and sister, Maggie, bought the business and continued to operate and serve the community until 1954. This business was known as Sackmann and Son general merchandise store.

In January, 1937 he married Mildred Good, daughter of Mrs. and the late George Good of Finley, North Dakota. Mrs. Sackmann worked as a beautician before her marriage.

Mr. Sackmann served on the school board and city council and has been active in all community affairs. They are members of the Lutheran Church.

Since the spring of 1949, a niece, Shirley, daughter of Gottlieb Sackmann, lived with the Sackmanns until her marriage in 1959 to Raymond Bauer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bauer of McClusky, North Dakota. They have two daughters, Deborah Jean, born December 27, 1959 and Georgia Ann, born February 1, 1961.

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Left to right: Mary, Mrs. John G. Bendewald; Gottlieb Strobel; Katharina Strobel; and Elsie, Mrs. Ruben Wagner.

GOTTLIEB STROBEL

Gottlieb Strobel was born August 11, 1876 in Beresina, South Russia. On January 16, 1903 he married Katharina Grams, born May 31, 1878. Rev. Julius Peters of Klestech, South Russia officiated at the marriage service.

Mr. and Mrs. Strobel were blessed with four children, namely: Mary, born June 7, 1905, Beresina, South Russia, wife of John G. Bendewald, Ashley, North Dakota; Elsie, born October 14, 1907, Ashley, North Dakota, wife of Ruben Wagner, Circle, Montana; two children died in infancy.

The family came to the United States of America in March, 1906 and homesteaded on a quarter section of land about six miles northeast of Ashley, North Dakota. They resided on this claim until 1935 when they moved to Ashley to make their home.

Mrs. Strobel died May 7, 1936. Mr. Strobel remained alone in his home until his death April 27, 1951.

Mr. and Mrs. Strobel were both members of the Zion Lutheran Church and were laid to rest in the Lutheran Cemetery south of Ashley.

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MR. AND MRS. JACOB GRUENEICH



Jacob F. Grueneich was born November 2, 1895 in South Russia, the son of Frederick and Maria Klauss. He came to America in 1910.

While in Havre, Montana, Mr. Grueneich entered the U.S. Army on July 25, 1918, and spent eleven months with the Third Army Transport Corps in France and Germany. He was also with the Army of Occupation in Germany for eight and one-half months.

In 1922, Mr. Grueneich came to Ashley to visit old friends and relatives. He had planned to be here only a short time, but fate intervened and he decided to make his home here. Mr. Grueneich says that he is glad that he stayed on. Through the years he has found Ashley a good place in which to live.

His wife, the former Pauline Huether, is a daughter of the

late Henry and Rosina Grem Huether. They were married on July 1, 1923, and became the parents of three children. Their daughter, Lenora, born in 1925, is the wife of Capt. Riley Huether, son of the John Huethers of Ashley. Her husband is in the Air Force, and is stationed in Columbus, Ohio. They have one son, David.

Leo and Alvin, twin sons, were born in 1930. They enlisted in the Army in 1951 during the Korean War, and were radio operators with the Signal Corps, spending thirteen months in Puerto Rico. They were discharged in 1953. They are both customer engineers for I.B.M.

Mrs. Leo Grueneich, the former Lois Nairne of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, was superintendent of the Ashley Hospital at the time of her marriage.

Mrs. Alvin Grueneich, the former Donna Doerr, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Doerr of Ashley.

The Leo Grueneichs live in LaCrescent, Minnesota, and have two daughters, Paula Mae and Shelly Ann. The Alvin Grueneichs live in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and have two sons, Mark and Todd.

Jacob Grueneich is a carpenter by trade. Since coming to Ashley in 1922 he has worked on many of the business and residential buildings in Ashley and vicinity. He has established a record of faithful and dedicated service in following his profession.

Mr. Grueneich has served on the city council and was for many years precinct committeeman in his ward.

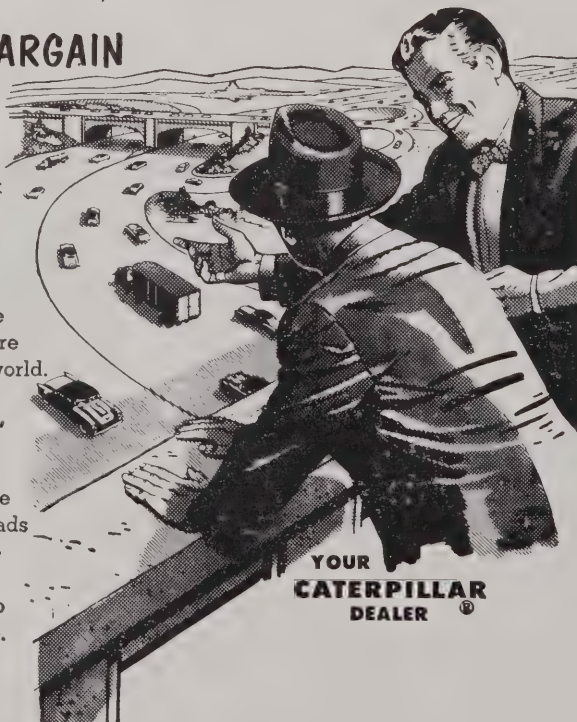
Mr. and Mrs. Grueneich are members of the E.U.B. Church of Ashley.

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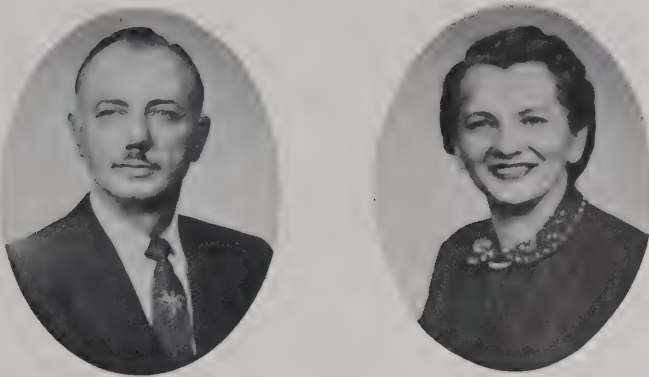


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MR. AND MRS. JULIUS JOHN WITTMAYER



Peter J. Wittmayer and Eva, nee Heiser, emigrated from South Russia in 1873 and homesteaded south of Ashley in McPherson County. Here they reared six sons and three daughters. His son John and wife Eva, nee Nies, homesteaded near Linton, North Dakota; returned to McPherson County in 1909 and bought the old homestead. They were the parents of eight children: Albert, implement dealer in Eureka, South Dakota; Theodore, grain dealer in Hillsvew, South Dakota; Julius, farmer; Richard, Chrysler dealer in Eureka, South Dakota; Benjamin, Esther, Hulda, and Mildred.

John B. Wittmayer played a prominent part in the business and political life of the Eureka area. During his years on the farm he gained a reputation for raising the finest crops and quality livestock. Always young in spirit and progressive, he served his community well. He was: McPherson County Auditor for two terms; South Dakota State Legislator, three terms (1918-22); Sgt.-at-arms of the Senate in 1937; secretary and treasurer of Eureka Equity Exchange; director of Farmers Mutual Telephone Company; was selected for "Who's Who in South Dakota" in 1956 and 1961; member and director of the County AAA setup; officer of Hoffnungsfeld Congregational Parish; director of the Eureka Hospital. He retired to Eureka in 1946. He died September 4, 1948; his wife, Eva, died February 22, 1962.

It was on his father's farm that Julius J. Wittmayer was born, July 6, 1910 and where he now resides as the third generation of the Wittmayers on this farm. He took possession of this 1920-acre farm in 1944.

He married Hulda Neuharth October 27, 1935, whose parents, John and Katherina, nee Opp, Neuharth, were also immigrants and pioneer farmers. The young couple lived with his parents on the family farm until the elder Wittmayers moved to Eureka. Two children were born to them. A son, Thomas John, born February 10, 1939, married Esther Kretschmar, daughter of Attorney and Mrs. P. O. Kretschmar of Eureka. Both are graduates of S.D.S.C. He is presently serving in the U.S. Army, Ft. Dietrichs, Md. A daughter, Mary Jane, born October 22, 1944, is a freshman at the University of Colorado, Boulder, Col.

Like his father before him, Julius Wittmayer is a progressive grain and livestock farmer and takes an active part in public life. He has been clerk of Odessa School District 1 for many years; chairman of McPherson Co. Farm Council; director of Farmers Mutual Telephone Co.; director of Co. Crop Improvement Association; treasurer of Hoffnungsfeld Congregational Church; member of County Board of Education since 1955; director and president of Eureka Equity Exchange; deacon of the Congregational Church of Eureka. Mr. Wittmayer, a lifelong Republican, is precinct committeeman for his township. He is a Mason and member of O.E.S.

Mrs. Wittmayer, also an active Republican, has been precinct committeewoman for twenty-five years and is now State Central Committeewoman of McPherson County. She is an officer of the O.E.S., Congregational Ladies Aid, and Congregational Women's Fellowship.

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MR. AND MRS. N. A. MILLER

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Miller are lifelong residents of McIntosh County. They were married September 17, 1933 and have one son, Dennis, living in Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Miller had been previously married. Mr. Miller had seven children by his first marriage, and Mrs. Miller had two. None of these children are now living in this area.

Before coming to town, Mr. Miller was engaged in farming. Since living in Ashley, he has operated a restaurant, has been a cream buyer, and has done a good deal of carpentry and cabinet work. He is now retired.



A five-generation picture of Mr. N. A. Miller's grandfather, his father, his eldest brother, and the eldest son of his eldest brother, and his daughter.

Left to Right: Front, August Miller, grandfather; John Miller, father.

Back row: Gottfried Miller, a brother; Emil Miller, a nephew; and his daughter.



MR. AND MRS. GERHARD KEMPf

Gerhard Kempf, a son of John and Paulina, nee Dewald, Kempf, was born February 18, 1922 in Jewell district in McIntosh County approximately ten miles southeast of Ashley, North Dakota. His wife, Olga Ann Kempf, is a daughter of William and Christina, nee Hoffman, Albrecht. Mrs. Kempf was born August 28, 1922 in Harrison District in McPherson County, one mile east of Long Lake, South Dakota. They were married April 18, 1943 by Rev. F. J. Doyen. The newly-married couple made their home on the farm with his parents from 1943 to 1948, at which time the parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kempf, moved to Aberdeen, South Dakota. Following this move Gerhard and his wife took over the farm and at present are continuing with farming and cattle-raising. They are members of the Zion Lutheran Church of Ashley.

Mr. and Mrs. Kempf are the parents of four children: Dianna, born September 6, 1943, a 1961 graduate of Ashley High School, now a student nurse at Presentation School of Nursing at Aberdeen, South Dakota; LeRoy, born March 30, 1945, senior at Ashley High School; Robert, born November 21, 1946, junior at Ashley High School and Karlon, born September 11, 1949, eighth grade student at Ashley.

Mr. Kempf was also in business with a well-digging crew from 1953 to 1962, which was hard and steady work, but he enjoyed it. He has been happy with his family through all these prosperous years.

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MR. AND MRS. KONRAD ZIMMERMAN

Mr. and Mrs. Konrad Zimmerman were both born in Friedensthal, South Russia, Mr. Zimmerman in 1879 and Mrs. Zimmerman in 1881. They were married in 1901 in Friedensthal, and made their home there for a few years. Conditions were unsettled in Russia and many were anxious to get to the new country of America hoping for better living. The Zimmermans decided to join the emigrants and sail from Bremen, Germany. They left Friedensthal during the Russian-Japanese War and were delayed in Germany for several months before they could reach Bremen. Here they waited for a ship to take them overseas. After a long wait they, with their two small children, Lydia, now Mrs. J. A. George, Ashley, North Dakota, and Bertha, later Mrs. Dan Ruff who passed away at an early age, set sail on the ship "Frederick The Great." Their son Fred was born on the voyage to the new country and thus derived his name from the ship on which he was born. He now resides in Jamestown, North Dakota.

The Zimmermans reached America in 1905, journeyed westward to North Dakota and homesteaded a quarter of land eleven miles north of Ashley in McIntosh County. During the years which followed five more sons were born: Arthur, Marion, North Dakota; Gotthilf, Ashley, North Dakota; John, Jamestown, North Dakota; Rev. Ben, Madison, South Dakota and Rev. Gideon, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Konrad Zimmerman were faithful and respected members of the Baptist church in the communities in which they resided. In time they established a modern farm and owned seven quarters of land. By digging and hauling many rocks, several hundred acres of prairie were broken and cultivated. This land was later divided among all of their children. The land which Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman homesteaded and the farm they built is now owned by their son Gotthilf of Ashley. It is operated by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Spitzer of Lehr, North Dakota.

The 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman was observed August 30, 1951 in the Ashley Baptist Church. In 1954, Mr. Zimmerman was honored on his 75th birthday with an anniversary observance. He passed away later that year.

Mrs. Konrad Zimmerman is presently at the Baptist Home for the Aged in Bismarck, North Dakota. She is now eighty-one years of age.



MR. AND MRS. ANDREW E. TSCHETTER

Andrew E. Tschetter, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tschetter, Sr. was born May 18, 1896.

In the spring of 1903, when he was six years old, he came to Ashley with his family. Here his father built a flour mill on the site now occupied by the Farmers Feed Co.

When Andrew was twenty-one years of age he left his parents' home and went to Montana, where he homesteaded land thirty miles northeast of Glasgow. He was inducted into the army July 24, 1918 and served with the 393rd Bakery. Co.B, 8th Division, at Camp Fremont, California.

After his discharge from the army (December 27, 1918) he started to farm three and one-half miles southeast of Ashley. On June 29, 1924, Mr. Tschetter married Bertha Hoffman of Leola, South Dakota. Mrs. Tschetter died in October, 1936. They were the parents of three children: Mrs. Art Schauer (Delores) living ten miles south of Ashley; Walthmer, married and living in Salem, Oregon; and Doris, married and living in Duluth, Minnesota.

In 1937, Mr. Tschetter married Bertha Bonnet Layton of Leola, South Dakota, whose son, Lester Layton is married and lives in Cliffwood, New Jersey. One daughter, Belinda, was born to the Tschetters in 1943.

In the fall of 1948, Mr. Tschetter sold his farm and moved to Ashley. He worked seven years for the Union Elevator and Investment Co.

The Tschetters are members of the Ashley Reformed Church. Mr. Tschetter is a member of the American Legion, and Mrs. Tschetter of the Legion Auxiliary.



Back row: Gottlieb, Jr.; Gottlieb, Sr.; Mary, mother; Lydia Eszlinger, deceased.

Front row: John, deceased; Jacob; Henry; and Mary Rau (father and mother deceased). Picture taken about 1902.

MR. AND MRS. GOTTLIEB GLAESMANN, SR.

Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Glaesmann, Sr. were prominent pioneer settlers of McIntosh County.

Gottlieb Glaesmann was born October 5, 1862, in Alt Elft, Bessarabia, South Russia. He was two years old when his parents moved to Mansburg, where he attended school and grew to young manhood.

On March 22, 1881, he left Russia with his parents and came to America. They traveled west to Dakota Territory and filed on a homestead near Parkston in South Dakota.

Gottlieb assisted his parents and worked as a farm laborer until his marriage February 8, 1885, to Marie Klauss, who was born February 8, 1864 in Josephsdorf, South Russia. Marie, too, had to come to America with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Klauss, at about the same time the Glaesmanns left the old country and also settled not far from them in South Dakota.

The young couple, anxious to establish a home of their own, filed on a homestead claim. They built their house and barn of sod and dug wells by hand for water for themselves and their few farm animals. Their hand plow hitched to an ox and a horse broke up the tough prairie sod. Farming was not easy; but they were not afraid of work, so they did fairly well.

In 1895, the Glaesmanns, again seeking a better life, loaded their belongings into two railroad cars and came by rail to Eureka, South Dakota. Here they were met by old friends who helped them get settled in McIntosh County. They filed a homestead claim four and one-half miles south of Ashley in Section 19 in what is now Myrtle township.

Here Mr. and Mrs. Glaesmann had to begin again, and go through all the back-breaking work and endure many of the misfortunes which they had weathered in their previous attempt to provide a good home for their family. While

in South Dakota they had managed to acquire a good many things to help them in their struggle with the land. They owned quite a few cattle and horses and some farm machinery: a wagon, drag, plow, and even an early-type grain seeder. Their first buildings here, too, were of sod and the wells were dug by hand. They endured the winters with the severe blizzards and the hot summers filled with work and worry over the crops. With faith and industry they eventually prospered.

In the old country religion had played a large part in their daily lives, so these early settlers sorely missed their church services. At first they gathered for Sunday services in private homes and later in a schoolhouse. Mr. Glaesmann was one of the charter members who helped organize and build up the Lutheran congregation. In 1910, Marienberg Church was built seven miles south of Ashley. Mr. Glaesmann was one of the first deacons, serving in that capacity for more than twenty years. He was also a member of the organizing committee of the Zion Lutheran Church of Ashley.

In both the early days and later when he had established a fine modern home, Mr. Glaesmann was interested and active in all civic affairs. He was clerk of the Myrtle School District for many years.

Mrs. Glaesmann died in 1944, and Mr. Glaesmann in 1949.

Their children are: Gottlieb, farmer; Jacob, farmer, now living in Ashley; Henry, farmer; Mary (Mrs. David Rau); Lydia (Mrs. Jacob Eszlinger) and John, both deceased.

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Christian J. Fischer, son of Johann and Elizabeth Fischer, nee Kussmaul, was born in Bergdorf, South Russia on December 2, 1862, where he grew to manhood. At the age of 17 he spent six months, during the war with Turkey and Russia, hauling bread and other food provisions.

In the year 1884, he entered military service and served with the artillery for five years and became one of the highest ranking officers.

After his discharge he was married to Miss Fredericka Trefz on January 9, 1889. Shortly thereafter they sailed for America, landing first in New York from where they entrained for Eureka, South Dakota arriving there on April 9, 1889.

The couple then began their pioneering on a homestead south of Ashley in McPherson County, where they experienced many hardships.

They had two oxen and a cow which were generally hitched together to their farm machinery consisting mainly of a plow and a harrow. Seeding was done by hand.

Their house was of sod. Their furniture was crude, made out of boards and boxes. Their first oven was built in a dug-out in a hillside. Here Mrs. Fischer baked 14 large loaves of delicious bread at a time, using the Russian formula and method which gained such renown for its fluffiness and flavor that people from town came out to buy it. Later a larger oven was built out of blocks of sod and clay. Iron kettles were used in which to bake the bread.

Many immigrants and relatives found shelter with them, and some remained as long as two and three weeks at a time.

Eureka was their nearest town to which the men generally walked for provisions. For their flour supply the men in the neighborhood would drive to Ellendale by ox-team, a distance of about 45 miles, starting at about 3 A.M. and arriving there at night at 10 o'clock. After spending the night lying on the floor of the flour mill, they would each load four sacks of flour (about 500 pounds) and start back to their respective homes. Each customer would receive an extra

sack of bran free. The cost of the flour was \$1.50 per sack.

Occasionally they made butter, which they carried to Ashley where they had their regular customers who were eager to buy it. On one occasion, Mr. Fischer had four pounds of butter which he sold for 6 cents a pound, a total of 24 cents. With this money he bought three yards of material out of which his wife made a fine dress shirt which he proudly wore. Their work shirts were generally made out of flour sacks.

Mr. Fischer was always active in church work, serving many years as church clerk, deacon and Sunday school teacher. He also officiated occasionally at funerals in the absence of the pastor, as in the year of 1892 when an epidemic of diphtheria broke out; and again in 1897-99. Many were claimed by death during these years, especially children. Several of their own children fell victim to the dread disease and died. His favorite scripture passage for such occasions was taken from Jeremiah 31:15.

On Sunday, services were generally held in the homes. When it was announced that a pastor would be at a certain place, people would travel for many miles to hear him, sometimes as far as from Artas and Kulm. By that time a few farmers had horses, so one farmer would give one horse and a neighbor another and they were hitched together. Usually three seats were put on a wagon and filled with neighbors. Wherever the service was held, that home was host to the worshippers. Generally a sheep was butchered and prepared ahead of time. Dishes were scarce. Occasionally one cup would be shared by two people. Generosity and hospitality were unsurpassed in spite of their poverty.

In the fall the men generally went as far as Fessenden and Harvey to work in harvest fields while their wives and their little ones remained home for weeks at a time. There was no way of communicating with one another in those years.

In the year 1915, they moved to a new farm in Lowell Valley, about five miles southeast of Venturia. Through economy and thrift he became one of the most progressive farmers. At one time he owned 16½ quarters of land, a total of more than 2600 acres, in McPherson and McIntosh Counties.

On July 11, 1942, Mrs. Fischer was taken by death, and was laid to rest in the Johannestal Baptist Cemetery. Some time later, Mr. Fischer was united in marriage to Mrs. Magdalena Biederstedt, nee Schock, who passed away one year and a day later. On January 11, 1944, Mr. Fischer was united in marriage to Mrs. Magdalena Wolf, nee Pleinis, who has been devotedly caring for her husband for more than 19 years. Mr. Fischer is still in good health, and eats and sleeps well. His ability to get around is becoming limited. His hearing is becoming more faint and his eyesight dim. His favorite pastime was reading, especially the Bible, in which he is well versed and has committed many passages to memory. His wife considers it one of her faithful duties to read to him, and together they enjoy their hours in this manner.

On Dec. 2, 1962, Mr. Fischer marked his 100th birthday. A special observance was planned by the family with an

CHRISTIAN J. FISCHER, SR. — cont'd

Open House at the Ashley Baptist Church with the entire church and many friends assembling for the occasion. Rev. Isador Faszer was in charge of the program, after which refreshments were served in the church parlors.

Of special note at this occasion were a birthday card from President J. F. Kennedy, telegrams from Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman, and Secretary of Interior Stewart L. Udall, letters of congratulations from U.S. Senator Quentin Burdick and Governor Wm. Guy. Mayor G. H. Herrett of Ashley was one of the speakers at the program.

At a resolution adopted by the City Council of Ashley, Mr. Fischer was recognized as the city's oldest resident and extended heartiest congratulations and sincere best wishes.

All his eight surviving children attended the birthday observance. They are as follows: C. C. Fischer and Emanuel Fischer of rural Ashley, Jacob C. Fischer and Fred Fischer of Aberdeen, Mrs. Ferdinand (Magdalena) Haux of Sacramento, Calif., David C. Fischer of Fort Totten, N. D., Samuel Fischer of Rapid City, S. D. and Carl Fischer of Ashley.

One daughter, Mrs. Henry (Frieda) Miller, passed away at the age of 60 on July 2, 1954.

There are also 17 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.



MR. AND MRS. AUGUST GEISZLER

Mr. and Mrs. August Geiszler reside on a farm twelve miles southeast of Ashley; the same farm which his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Geiszler, homesteaded in 1885. August Geiszler was born on this farm and grew to manhood in this vicinity. He is still engaged in farming.

Mrs. August Geiszler, the former Lenora Schultz, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Schultz of Fredonia. Mrs. Geiszler's youth, until the time of her marriage, was spent on her parents' farm three miles north of Fredonia.

The Geizlers are members of the Zion Lutheran Church of Ashley.

MRS. CHRISTIAN (Magdalena) FISCHER, SR.

Magdalena Fischer, daughter of Joseph and Magdalena Pleinis, nee Kirchenman, was born March 1, 1883, in Odessa, Neudorf, Russia. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church.

She lived with her parents until she was twenty-three years of age, when she sailed for America. From New York City she traveled by rail to Forbes, North Dakota. Here she was married to Otto Schulz. Two sons, Otto and Adolf, now of Lodi, California, were born to them.

Her husband died, and in 1911 she married Christian Wolf. They were the parents of four children: Eva Bendewald, Ashley; Emma Dobler, Fargo; and Gottlieb Wolf and Emily Preszler, both of Lodi, California.

In the summer of 1931 they moved to Ashley where Mr. Wolf passed away, November 25, 1931. Mrs. Wolf reared her children and provided education for all of them.

On January 11, 1944, Mrs. Wolf was united in marriage to Christian Fischer, Sr. They are living in Ashley.



Pictured is Mrs. Joachim Bader and two of her great grandchildren, Sherry and Tony Bender, children of the Norman Benders.

MRS. KATHERINE JOACHIM BADER

Katherine Joachim Bader, the daughter of the late John Wagner and wife, Margarate, nee Henrickson of Greenway, South Dakota, was born December 30, 1886.

In 1906 she was married to Jacob Joachim, and they lived on a farm southwest of Venturia, until 1943 when they moved to town. Her husband died December 24, 1946.

The Joachims were the parents of eight children: Esther Jenner, born in 1907; Bertha Bender, born in 1910; Anna Bender, born 1917; Hulda Jenner, born in 1908, and Otto, born in 1915, both of Venturia; Olga Jerke, born 1912, West Fargo, and Enoch and Rudolf, deceased.

After the death of her husband, Mrs. Joachim lived alone until August, 1952 when she married Daniel Bader of Kulm, and made her home in Kulm until 1957. Mr. Bader died in 1956. In order to be nearer to her children, Mrs. Bader decided to return to Ashley where she is now living. She is a member of the Zion Lutheran Church.



JOHN SCHUMACHER, SR.

John Schumacher was born January 18, 1871 in Glueckstal, South Russia, a son of Wilhelm and Rosina, nee Schnabel, Schumacher.

At the age of 18 he came to America with his parents and nine brothers and sisters. On April 27, 1889 they arrived in Eureka, South Dakota on the newly constructed Chicago Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad. They were met by friends and relatives. They stayed with relatives for some time after which the family homesteaded near Eureka in McPherson County, Township 127 Range 70.

His family, like most pioneers, was poor. Their early home was of sod and the stove was built out of mud and stones using straw for fuel. The first farming equipment was a team of oxen and second-hand wagon, which was purchased on credit from Mr. Fred Schumacher, a cousin of his, for whom he worked for a number of years to pay for these debts and raise additional funds to buy more farming equipment for the family.

He was married in 1895 to Magdalena Hoffman and made their home on a farm in South Dakota near the border of North Dakota. To this union two children were born. One daughter passed away in infancy and John Schumacher, Jr. born March 23, 1897 is now living in Ashley, North Dakota. His wife passed away in July, 1899. Mr. Schumacher then married Fredericka, nee Mayer, Nitschke. She had one son by a previous marriage. Otto Nitschke born February 18, 1898 is living in Ashley, North Dakota.

In 1910, they moved to North Dakota settling on a farm ten miles east of Ashley, where they farmed until 1939. At that time they moved to Ashley in retirement. His second wife passed away March 24, 1948.

Eight children were born to his second wife, one of whom died in infancy and two in manhood.

Edward W. Schumacher, born August 14, 1900, was living in Bismarck, North Dakota; passed away March 19, 1961. Jacob Schumacher born July 14, 1904, was living in Tower City, North Dakota; passed away September 20, 1962.

The surviving children are Mrs. John (Ida) Reule born

October 26, 1906, Sacramento, California. Theodore born March 9, 1908, Riverdale, North Dakota. Adolph born September 28, 1910, Ashley, North Dakota. August born August 10, 1912, farming near Ashley, North Dakota. Mrs. Christ (Emma) Jenner born July 31, 1915, Ashley, North Dakota.

Mr. Schumacher lived in his home by himself until 1958. Since then he has been making his home with his children, and is enjoying good health.

He is 92 years of age and is the oldest member of the Zion Lutheran Church of Ashley, North Dakota.



MRS. GERTRUDE KLAUSS

Gertrude Maude (Phillips) Klauss born July 29, 1882, near Marion, Iowa, to David H. and Ida Reinhardt Phillips. Her father with the younger children moved to Ludin, North Dakota, in 1900 and homesteaded in McIntosh County a short time later. Gertrude, after a two-year stay in Oakes, North Dakota followed her family and in 1902 homesteaded in Lowell Township, McIntosh County on the NE quarter of Section 21. Recently, while traveling a new improved road entering Ashley, she recalled her first rocky ride to the claim on a springless board of her brother's lumber wagon which put her in bed for three days.

Gertrude married David Klauss, who operated a grain elevator at Venturia, on January 15, 1910. She taught school for two years and now laughingly recalls the problems of an Iowa girl, who had never heard German spoken, trying to keep house, to teach the three R's to children who spoke little or no English and to use horseback for transportation. Mr. and Mrs. Klauss moved to Ashley in 1913 and with the exception of a few short absences have resided in Ashley since that time. Mr. Klauss passed away November 30, 1954. Mrs. Klauss has one son, Donald, employed as an Agriculture Officer of the U. S. State Department and presently located in India.

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MR. AND MRS. GOTTLIEB G. BREITLING

Gottlieb G. Breitling was the eldest son of Gottlieb Breitling Sr., one of the earliest pioneers of McIntosh County, who came to Scotland, South Dakota in 1884. Financially embarrassed, he could go no further. There he obtained work for three and one-half years for \$150.00 per year. In 1888 he purchased a team of oxen, a wagon, harrow and a plow and decided to go to the central part of the then Dakota Territory where there was a better choice of land to file on. He located and filed on the NE1/4 of Section 31, Township, 129, Range 71 about 18 miles SW of Ashley. It was on this farm, on August 11, 1901, that Gottlieb G. Breitling was born.

Completing his elementary education in the Johnstown School District, he furthered his education at the Lutheran College of Eureka, South Dakota.

On November 22, 1927, Mr. Breitling was united in marriage to Miss Ida Bertsch, daughter of Jacob D. Bertsch of rural Ashley. Together they made their home on a farm adjoining his father's homestead, on the NW1/4 Section 31, Township 129, Range 71, which was originally homesteaded in 1893 by Karl Moench, father of the late Adolph Moench of Ashley.

Mr. and Mrs. Breitling were faithful members of the Baptist faith, where Mr. Breitling served in the capacities of clerk, Sunday School supt., trustee, Sunday School teacher and member of the Baptist Dakota Conference Mission Board until the time of his death, December 1, 1950.

Mr. Breitling was an active man greatly interested in church, political and civic affairs and the Farmers Union movement of which he was one of the original organizers in McIntosh County. At the time of his death he was chairman of the McIntosh County Nonpartisan League, board member of The Leader, the official newspaper of the North Dakota Nonpartisan League, member of the Johnstown School Board and chairman of the McIntosh County Farmers Union. He was a leader, respected by those who knew him and with a firm conviction in a cause, working unceasingly for that cause.

Three children were born to the Breitlings, one of whom

died in infancy; Patricia, married to August Ritter, who is a teacher at the Wishek Public School, and Howard, married to the former Dorothy Bader and farms 7 miles SW of Ventura. He presently is employed by the Department of Agriculture as fieldman for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

Mrs. Breitling, following the death of her husband, moved to Ashley where she resided for a number of years. In 1959 she became associated with the Baptist Home for the Aged in Bismarck, advancing to the position of matron until the time of her marriage to John A. Bertsch in 1962. They are presently residing in Ashley.



MR. AND MRS. KARL HEINRICH

Karl Heinrich was born on May 4, 1878 to Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Heinrich in South Russia. He came to America with his parents who made their first home at Parkston, South Dakota.

He later moved to Jewell Township where he met Christanna Schumacher, to whom he was married on November 19, 1899 by the Reverend Heinrich Elster.

Mr. Heinrich was engaged in farming and carpentry until retirement in 1946.

They now live in the southeastern part of Ashley and are members of the Zion Lutheran Church. They are still active and are taking care of themselves.

Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Heinrich. Two died in infancy and Edward died at the age of thirty-seven. Those residing around this area are John, who owns the Coldwater Store; Emma, married to Albert Bertsch; Marie, married to Adam Schneider; Bill, a mechanic, lives at Redwood Falls, Minnesota; August, of Fargo, North Dakota, works for a construction company; Gottfried, who is engaged in farming and lives on the homestead place eighteen miles southeast of Ashley.



JOHN BENDER

John Bender was born in Ashley, December 3, 1902. He was one of the fourteen children of the late George Bender, who had come to this country from Marienberg, South Russia while still a small boy.

Young John grew to manhood working with his father on the family farm just south of Ashley. On November 8, 1925, he was married to Paulina Zenker in the Neudorf St. James church, Gackle, North Dakota, by the Rev. Henry Nagel.

Shortly after their marriage the young couple moved to a farm seven and a half miles northeast of Ashley. They remained on this farm for twenty-five years. In 1950 they moved to a farm two and a half miles northeast of Ashley where they still reside.

Four children were born to the Benders: Edwin E. Bender born April 6, 1928 is married to Verna Engelhardt and lives in Lodi, California. Esther Bender, born October 20, 1931, married to Alvin Walz of Ashley, North Dakota. Johnny and Paulina Bender, born June 18, 1938. The twin girl died when she was about two and a half years old. Johnny is still at home.

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MR. AND MRS. ADAM VOSSLER

Adam Vossler, the son of John Vossler, was born on a farm southwest of Wishek on May 1, 1907. On May 13, 1926 he married Hilda Deile of Wishek. In 1936 Mr. and Mrs. Vossler moved on a farm four miles north of Ashley. In 1940 they moved to Ashley and in 1946 he bought the dray line from Jacob Maas, which they still operate. Mr. and Mrs. Vossler are the parents of three children, all living: Marvin, living at Ashley; Wilma, married to Oscar Stugelmayer, living at Ashley; Lorraine married to Howard Haupt, living at West Fargo, North Dakota.



DOROTHEA PFEIFLE

Dorothea Pfeifle, born December 7, 1878, came from Columbus, Nebraska with her parents, Franz Weisenburger to South Dakota.

In 1895 she was united in marriage to Conrad Pfeifle and settled near Venturia and later moved to Eureka on the farm, and in 1904 they went to Canada. Then in 1906 they came back to South Dakota and lived there 40 years.

In 1945 they came to Ashley and made it their home. There were fourteen children born to this family, nine are dead and these five are living: Ted Pfeifle, Oakes, North Dakota, Mrs. Elsie Wiest, Ashley, North Dakota, Raymond Pfeifle, Clackamus, Oregon, Mrs. Lena Rott, Leola, South Dakota, Mrs. Dorothy Bender, Bertha, Minnesota. The eldest son, Karl, died in the navy.

Mr. Pfeifle died in 1949.



MR. AND MRS. EDWARD BLUMHARDT

Edward Blumhardt was born January 31, 1885 at Fremont, South Dakota. He was the son of Christian and Magdalena (nee Maier) Blumhardt. On December 3, 1905 he was married to Margureta Schneider, born July 21, 1885 at Rohrbach, South Russia. At the age of one year she came to America with her parents, Peter and Katherine Schneider, and they settled on a farm near Java, South Dakota.

In the spring of 1906, a year after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Blumhardt and his mother came to North Dakota, where he established his homestead eighteen miles south of Fredonia. He built a small house and bought a barn from a farmer near Lehr, and proceeded to move it to his farm late in the fall. There was some frost in the ground, but not enough to withstand the weight of the building. While he was crossing a large slough enroute, the moving equipment became mired up to the axles of the wagons, and it was necessary to block up the barn and dig out the wagons. After the ground was frozen sufficiently he completed the job, and the barn was in its place.

The family lived on their homestead until, in 1919, Mr. Blumhardt purchased the Fred Grenz farm, which was a mile north of it. His mother died here on December 1, 1930.

In the fall of 1948, Mr. and Mrs. Blumhardt decided to retire from farming, and they purchased a home in Fredonia where they lived for nine years. Then in July of 1957 they moved this house to Ashley and established their home. Mr. Blumhardt passed away the next year, on March 8, 1958.

Nine children were born to this union, namely: Emelia, now Mrs. Adam Kungel of Ellendale; Martha, now Mrs. Edwin Meidinger of Ashley; John, of Kulm; Jacob, of Fargo; Hertha, now Mrs. Ted Wolf of Fredonia; Esther, now Mrs. Ted Skaley of Brighton, Colorado; Harold, of Fredonia; and Reinhold, of Roanoke, Virginia. A son, Edwin, passed away on February 24, 1953 at the age of forty-four.



MR. AND MRS. JACOB STROBEL

It was in the year of 1885 that both Mr. Jacob Strobel and Miss Salome Schmierer arrived in this country with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Strobel and Mr. and Mrs. John Schmierer. They were fairly young when they left Beresina, South Russia, Mr. Strobel being six years old and Miss Schmierer three years old. Even at that young age Mr. Strobel can still remember some interesting events that took place on their journey. Mr. Strobel's parents homesteaded eleven miles east of Ashley and that is where Mr. Strobel spent his boyhood. His main duty was helping with the chores and herding the cattle as there were no fences to hold the livestock. In the year of 1900, Mr. Strobel homesteaded a quarter of land and in 1902 he married Miss Salome Schmierer, who lived with her parents at the place which is now the Art Bertsch farm. This farm is located about thirteen miles east of Ashley. As with all pioneers there were many problems, and Mr. and Mrs. Strobel also had their share of them. The land they acquired had plenty of rocks and that had to be cleared before it could be brought into production.

In the year 1916 due to Mr. Strobel's poor health and desiring a new occupation they sold their personal property, rented out the farm, and moved to Fredonia, North Dakota. Two years later in the year 1918 they moved back to the farm again, where they remained until 1941. At this time they retired and moved to Ashley where they presently are residing.

Mr. Strobel was active in community affairs; a member of the school board for many years, plus a devout church leader serving as Sunday School teacher and deacon of the Congregational Church. To this union eight children were born. Three children passed away in infancy, while the remaining children have all married and are presently enjoying good health. They are: Emma, (Mrs. Joe Baulne) living with her husband in Kewa, Washington; Bertha (Mrs. Gottlieb Maier), living with her family in Bismarck, North Dakota; Benjamin and his family residing in Colville, Washington; Edwin and his family operating the home ranch; and Enoch and his family, living north of Ashley.

Mr. and Mrs. Strobel with many hardships and also many pleasant experiences in their pioneer life, are still active and like to talk about their early experiences.



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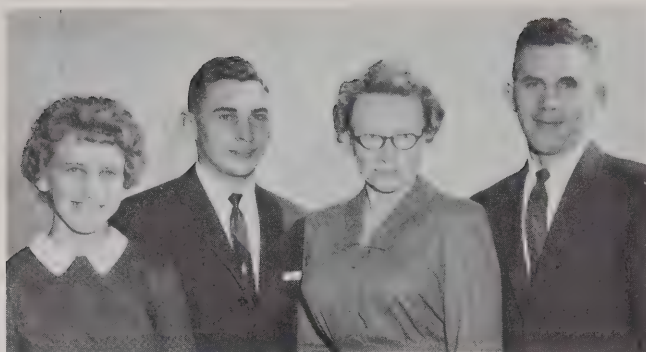
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HERBERT J. NEU

The Herbert J. Neu family live on a farm, 2 miles northwest of Ashley, North Dakota. Mr. Neu was born in 1917 on this farm. He is the son of Andrew Neu and Louisa (Weber) Neu. In October of 1944 he married Leona Woeszner, daughter of Jacob J. Woeszner and Marie (Sackmann) Woeszner who lived on a farm east of Ashley, North Dakota. Mrs. Neu was born in 1925. The Neus have two children: Jarrold, born in 1946 and Rachel, born in 1950. Jarrold and Rachel both are attending high school in Ashley. The family are members of the Lutheran Church of Ashley.

The history of this farm dates back to 1889. It was then owned by Patrick Masterson. In 1890 it was purchased by Mrs. Catherine Christ. Mr. Jacob Weber, grandfather of Herbert J. Neu, became the owner in 1895. In the year 1911 he sold it to his daughter, Mrs. Margaretha Kraemer, wife of John C. Kraemer. In 1916 it was sold to Andrew Neu, then in 1943 it was purchased by its present owner, Herbert J. Neu.



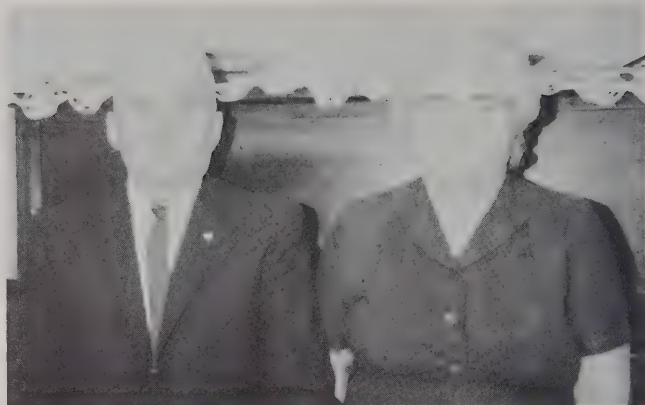
G. A. BIETZ

G. A. Bietz was one of the pioneer public officials of McIntosh. At the age of 22 years he held the office of County Judge in 1900. In more recent years he was better known as County Auditor, a position he filled for many years.

Mr. Bietz was born June 26, 1878 and came to McIntosh County with his parents in 1885.

He was known as a conscientious and efficient public official of the old school. In all he served as a county official for 26 years. In 1942 he moved to Lodi, California where he resides at this time.

A full biography of Mr. Bietz can be found on page 77 of the 1938 Jubilee Book.



ANDREW SCHAUER

February 12, 1896 is the birth date of Andrew Schauer, a resident of McIntosh County. He was born in this county, the son of John and Elizabeth Schauer, nee Bertsch, who came to McIntosh County in 1888. A farm nine miles southwest of Ashley was home for Andrew until 1918 when he was drafted into military service, in World War I, for twelve months. Nine of the twelve months were served overseas of which two months were spent in shell fire at the battle front. He was honorably discharged in May, 1919. On October 21, 1919 Mr. Schauer was united in marriage to Lydia Jenner (daughter of John and Rosa Jenner, nee Bender) at the Johannestal Baptist Church southwest of Ashley by Rev. Dobrovolny. They established their own home on a farm six miles southwest of Ashley. Four children were born to them, namely: Herbert, married to Mary Lasney, is a minister and is presently serving a Baptist Church in Startup, Washington as pastor; Emily, Mrs. Leo Feiock who is teaching in Aberdeen, South Dakota; Ruby, Mrs. Marvin Sukut, who is teaching in Ellendale; and Glenna, a senior at Northern State Teachers College in Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. Schauer moved to Ashley in the year 1948 where Mr. Schauer engaged in carpenter work until 1961. He is now semi-retired. Mr. and Mrs. Schauer are both members of the First Baptist Church of Ashley where Mr. Schauer served as Deacon for many years and at present is a Trustee. Mr. Schauer is also a member of the local American Legion Post No. 53. They have six grandchildren namely: Andrew 10, April 8, and Austin 6, children of Herbert and wife; Gregory 11 and Jeannie 8, children of Emily and husband; Paul 7, son of Ruby and husband.

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MR. AND MRS. JOHN F. SALZER

Mr. Salzer, son of the late Fred and Caroline, nee Weisenburger, Salzer was born in Russia December 28, 1887.

He came to America in 1907 and traveled westward to Pollock, South Dakota. Being an industrious youth of nineteen, he soon found work and was employed at various farms in the area. His first year's earnings were \$250.00, which at that time was considered a large sum of money. He was able to earn a little more each year, so after a few years John felt he was ready to establish his own home.

On February 23, 1912 John F. Salzer was united in marriage to Magdalena Becker of Ashley with the Lutheran Pastor, Rev. Schulz performing the ceremony.

The young couple farmed near Herreid, South Dakota until 1914 when they moved to Vananda, Montana and filed on a homestead. They lived so far from the nearest town that several men from the neighboring farms would often get together and load a wagon with feed for the horses and bread for themselves and drive to town for supplies. They could not make the return trip the same day, but bedded down near their horses and wagon ready to start for home the next morning.

Because of a severe drought in Montana, Mr. and Mrs. Salzer, in spite of hard work, were scarcely able to make a living. They sold their few possessions and moved back to a farm near Herreid.

They had a few of the modern aids to farming, but worked in the fields with horses. The horse and buggy took them visiting and to town and church which was twelve miles from the farm. They were always able to get to town in time for Sunday morning services.

In 1928 the Salzers moved to a farm near Danzig and remained there for ten years, until they retired and moved into the town of Danzig.

The Salzers were the parents of three children: Lydia (Mrs. Edward Roth), Ashley, North Dakota; Albert and Elsie (Mrs. Roland Walth), both of Ellensburg, Washington.

Mrs. Salzer died in the spring of 1955 and was laid to rest in the Ashley Cemetery.

Mr. Salzer stayed on in Danzig for another five years, but his life was lonely. In 1959 he moved to Ashley where he is able to get out and visit with friends and relatives and to attend church services regularly. He is a faithful member of the Evangelical United Brethren Church of Ashley.



MR. AND MRS. HENRY GOEHRING

Henry Goehring was born in South Russia on December 11, 1884. He emigrated to the United States with his parents when he was two weeks old, arriving in Menno, South Dakota the latter part of December. The following year the family moved in a covered wagon to McIntosh County where they filed on a homestead about fifteen miles southwest of Fredonia.

Henry lived with his parents until November 22, 1906 when at the age of twenty-two years, he married Fredericka Hoffman who was born November 8, 1888 near Long Lake, South Dakota. Reverend H. G. Benz performed the ceremony. After their marriage the couple filed on their own land about sixteen miles south of Fredonia and continued farming and improving their homestead for twenty years. Then in 1927 they sold their farm to Fred Franz, and Mr. Goehring bought the farm which was the original homestead of his father and which was owned by his brother, Adam. They remained here until 1941 when they retired and moved to Ashley. Their son, Ephriam, now owns and operates the farm. The homestead has now been in the possession of the Goehring for three generations.

Mr. and Mrs. Goehring were members of the Berlin Baptist Church, in which Mr. Goehring served as deacon, Sunday School teacher and superintendent for many years. Mrs. Goehring also gave of her time as teacher of Sunday School and treasurer of the Ladies Aid Society. After moving to Ashley they joined the First Baptist Church in which Mr. Goehring served as deacon until his death at the age of seventy-three, September 20, 1957.

Mrs. Goehring, who resides in her home in Ashley, is an active member of the Mission Circle.

Mr. and Mrs. Goehring were blessed with five children, namely: Maggie, now Mrs. August Durr of Bismarck, North Dakota; Aaron, of Bismarck, North Dakota; Rose, now Mrs. Martin Grosz of Fredonia, North Dakota; Ephriam, who farms the homeplace at Fredonia, North Dakota; and Edward who was killed in a car accident at Medford, Oregon on January 7, 1953.



SAMUEL FEIL

I, Samuel Feil, was born in South Russia July 13, 1887. I came to the United States on the 24th day of October of the year 1888, with my parents, John and Christina Feil. We came to Ellendale, North Dakota, and from there we came to Ashley, North Dakota with Mr. Gottlieb Becker's father. From here we went fourteen miles west of Ashley, and there we stayed for the winter. In the spring of 1889 we settled one mile west of Lake Hoskins. Here I spent my boyhood years.

For my first school year I attended the school on the south side of Lake Hoskins. The school year at that time was twenty days. There was no money so they did all they could. It was very hard for me because I could not understand English. The teacher was Miss Maud Dall. She did everything she could, but we both failed. So she started to draw pictures of animals, such as horses, cows, and chickens. But the twenty days were soon over, and not much was accomplished. The following year we got a German teacher whose name was Mr. Bert. Richards. This then was not so hard for me.

But then came the time when I had to take care of the cattle. I had to herd them four miles from home, and there was not a thing but prairie and coyotes. Sometimes as many as nine in a bunch. That did not look so good for I was only ten years old. But the dear Lord took care of me.

At the age of sixteen, I started to work on the threshing machine, which was hard work. The wages at that time were very little. For adults they were \$1.50 per day and later on as times were getting better, it raised to \$2.00 per day. I worked from early in the morning until late at night. There were no houses as we have today; they were all small. So we slept beside the straw stack. Sometimes there was snow on the ground, but that did not bother us. The next morning we were all happy and ready for the days work. The threshing season lasted about forty days.

I stayed with my parents until I was twenty three years old. Then I got married to Miss Lydia Fetzer on October 4, 1910. She came to the United States on May 3, 1901 with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fetzer to Eureka, South Dakota. From here they came nine miles north of Venturia, North Dakota for one year. Then finally settled six miles north of Venturia, North Dakota. She worked for different people until her folks needed her to help with the work at home.

Then we got married. We have now been happily married for fifty-three years. Fifty years were spent on the farm seven and one half miles west of Ashley, and four years have now

been spent in the city of Ashley, in retirement.

To us were born seven children, five boys and two girls.

They are: Arthur, Samuel, Edwin, and Erwin. One boy died in infancy. The girls are: Mathilda and Alvina.



HENRY J. BRINKMAN SR.

Henry J. Brinkman Sr. was born in Jackson County Iowa on October 20, 1872, son of Henry and Dora (Koll) Brinkman. He was married February 7, 1901, to Elizabeth Cory of Canistota, South Dakota. She was born on April 4, 1884, daughter of Abner and Corlina (Frazer) Cory.

In the spring of 1906 Mr. Brinkman, his wife and three small children set out to make their home northeast of Danzig where they constructed a stone and frame house which partially stands today. The frame part was destroyed by prairie fire. They constructed their final home one mile west of their first home in 1918 where he still lives with his son, August. Mrs. Brinkman passed away on December 27, 1942.

This couple was blessed with 12 children, seven boys and five girls, two of whom died in infancy and another son, Joseph lost his life in World War II. The other children are Fred, Isabel, South Dakota; Mrs. Pete (Josephine) Hoirup, Lehr, North Dakota; Mrs. Florence Pudwill, Ashley, North Dakota; Amos, Wishek, North Dakota; Mrs. Helmuth (Inez) Schnabel, Isabel, South Dakota; Leo, Wishek, North Dakota; Henry, Ashley, North Dakota; Mrs. Elmer (Fay) Bakkila, Fargo, North Dakota; and August, Ashley, North Dakota.

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MRS. ROSINA (Ludwig) THURN



Mrs. Rosina Thurn (wife of the late Ludwig Thurn) is a true pioneer of Ashley having lived here since 1892. Mrs. Thurn, daughter of Wilhelm and Rosina (nee Schnabel) Schumacher, was born in Gluecksthal, South Russia, July 28, 1873. With her parents and nine brothers and sisters, she emigrated to the United States in 1889. Her early home was the usual sod shanty, located in the vicinity of Long Lake, South Dakota.

On June 19, 1892 she was married to Ludwig Thurn who had come from South Russia and filed on land in Jewell town-

ship in the spring of 1892. Reverend George Zapf of the Lutheran church performed the wedding ceremony.

In 1921, Mr. and Mrs. Thurn retired from farming and moved their family to Ashley where they bought and operated a hardware store. Assisted by his son, Adolph, Mr. Thurn remained in this business until his death on November 4, 1949.

Mrs. Thurn is now eighty-nine years of age, and is still alert and interested in the events that occur. She helped this community grow from its small beginnings to the enterprising town it is today.

Thirteen children were born to them of whom eight are still living, namely: August, born January 3, 1896; Adolph, born May 18, 1906; William, born February 2, 1910; and Gottlieb, born November 20, 1911; all living in Ashley; Mathilda (widow of Jacob Harter), born March 25, 1897, now living in Wishek; Katherine (wife of Cal Nord), born December 26, 1901, living in Redondo Beach, California; Martha, born March 24, 1908, living in Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Lydia (widow of Ben Weiler), born September 3, 1898, living in Fargo. Two of their children died in infancy and two while still young. Ludwig, their eldest son, died February 19, 1953. Living today are twenty-one grandchildren and twenty-eight great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Thurn is now living with her daughter, Mathilda, in Wishek, North Dakota.

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JOHN WIEDMANN

John Wiedmann was born in South Russia on May 25, 1880, the second youngest son of Jacob Wiedmann and wife Elizabeth, nee Wagner. He was ten years old when his parents joined the throng of German-Russian emigrants that were constantly leaving their fatherland for the new country across the sea. The Wiedmann family settled one half mile west of Venturia. As a young man, John taught public school for four years. Then in 1906 he started in business in Venturia, establishing a hardware and furniture store. He, together with his brother, conducted this business until 1956 when they both retired. Mr. Wiedmann served as village clerk for the Board of Trustees at Venturia for a term of ten years. He was also school director for six years and clerk for eight years. He was postmaster at Venturia for thirty-five years.

He was married to Katherina Haas in 1906. They were members of the Baptist church in Venturia. They were able to celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Mrs. Wiedmann passed away May 2, 1957. Mr. Wiedmann is making his home with his children who are: Mrs. Emil A. Sayler, Ashley, North Dakota; Mrs. Fred F. Strobel, Fargo, North Dakota; and Mrs. Ephraim J. Schrenk, Dallas, Oregon.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN ROTH

John Roth was born on his father's farm five miles northwest of Venturia, North Dakota on September 7, 1887. He has recollections of pioneer days when his father, (George Roth) drove a pair of oxen while seeding his land. He still remembers how excited he was when the train made its first appearance in Venturia.

On November 25, 1909 he was united in marriage to Christina Rempfer and to this union six children were born, namely: Emma, now Mrs. Edwin Giedt, Browns Valley, Minnesota; Hulda, now Mrs. Arthur Giedt, Ashley, North Dakota; Enoch, now living in Ashley, North Dakota; Thelma, now Thelma Krause living in Phoenix, Arizona; Herbert, now living in Rapid City, South Dakota. One son, Marvin, passed away in infancy. Mrs. Christina Roth passed away in 1941.

Mr. Roth moved to Ashley, North Dakota in 1938. In 1943 he was united in marriage to Mrs. Edward J. Schaeffer, nee Weber. The following are the children born to the Schaeffer family: Mildred, now Mrs. Gottfried Harsch; Florence, now Mrs. Rueben Nies; ElVida, now Mrs. Oswald Fischer. The Schaeffer children and their families all reside in and around Ashley.

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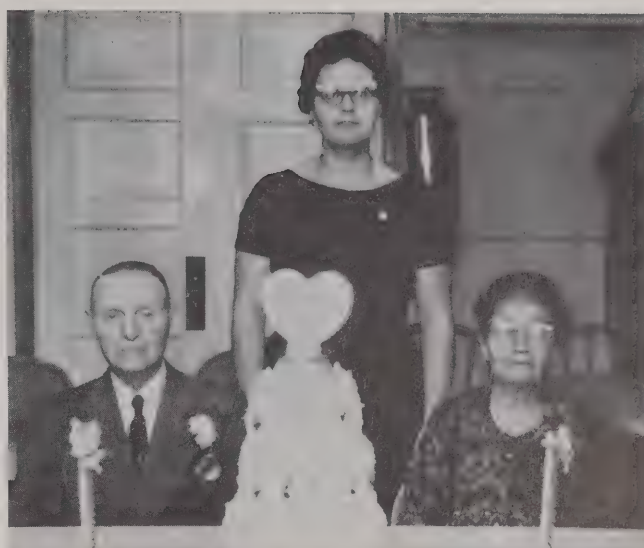
John Bendewald was born in South Russia on June 3, 1886. When a boy of three years, he accompanied his parents to this country. They then filed a homestead ten miles north-east of Ashley. He lived with his parents until March 22, 1906 when he married Kathryn Daschendorf. She was also born in South Russia, on June 11, 1886, and had come to this country with her parents, Johannas and Maria Daschendorf in 1894. The Daschendorf home was eight miles southeast of Ashley.

The first home of John and Kathryn Bendewald was ten and one-half miles northeast of Ashley. Their first years of married life was an experience never to be forgotten. All farm work was done with horses. They dug up rocks and broke up new soil. A header was used to take off the little crop they did have. There were no trucks to haul grain, so horses and wagons were used.

After thirteen years of hard work, Mr. Bendewald bought his father's farm one mile south of his first farm. Mr. and Mrs. Bendewald were the parents of eleven children, ten of whom are still living and married. They are: John, of Leola, South Dakota; Gotthilf, Ada, Ida, Kathryn, and Emilie of Ashley, North Dakota; Adolph and Maggie of Aberdeen, South Dakota; Bennie of Warner, South Dakota; and Christine of Bismarck, North Dakota.

In 1945, they sold their stock and farm machines and moved to Aberdeen, South Dakota where they purchased a home and also two quarters of land five miles southeast of Aberdeen. Now more modern farming methods were experienced. They were in good health most of the time. They were always members of the Lutheran Church.

On September 13, 1961, they bought a new home in Ashley, North Dakota where at the present time they are still residing.



MR. AND MRS. EMANUEL STRAUB

Mr. Emanuel Straub was born in Russia in the year 1889, October 17. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Straub. At the age of six months he came to America with his parents. Mrs. Straub, nee Katherina Straub, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Straub, was born in Russia February 23, 1890. At the age of eighteen she came to America with relatives.

On November 7, 1911 they were married and lived near Ashley all of their married lives. They have two children, Mrs. John Eszlinger (Esther) of Ashley, North Dakota, and Walter, of Wishek, North Dakota. They have one grandchild, Mrs. Victor Meidinger (Janice Eszlinger), of Zeeland, North Dakota, and two great grandchildren, Dale and Peggy Meidinger.

The Straubs are members of the E.U.B. Church of Ashley.

At present they are still on the farm with their son Walter, 14 miles north of Ashley.

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EDWARD GOLZ

Edward Golz is the son of the late Gottfried Golz and his wife, Carolina Dewald. He was born on October 6, 1911, on his father's farm located about 13 miles northwest of Ashley.

His wife, Katherine Sayler, daughter of John Sayler and Magdalena Bier; was born on February 16, 1916, near Wishek, North Dakota, and was married to Mr. Golz on October 28, 1934.

The couple then started farming near his father's farm, a farm which was rented, and then in 1942 purchased a farm in that same area, which has seen many improvements up to the present time, and still being operated by Mr. and Mrs. Golz.

Mr. and Mrs. Golz are the parents of six children: *Harvey* at Williston, North Dakota, born on August 12, 1937, married Betty Krueger of Ashley on August 16, 1958, and have one child, Jeffery; *Darwin* at Ellendale, North Dakota, born on June 19, 1939, married Betty Aipperspach of Wishek, North Dakota on June 19, 1960; *Betty* at Jamestown, North Dakota, born on August 17, 1943, married to Richard Ringuette of Jamestown on April 28, 1962; *Jean* living with her parents and a Junior at the Ashley High School, born on February 1, 1946; *Wanda and Rhonda* (twins) at home born on October 22, 1958.

Mr. and Mrs. Golz are faithful members of the Zion Lutheran Church of Ashley. Mr. Golz has been an active member of the Albrights Valley School Board for approximately eight years and a member of the McIntosh County, ASC community committee, holding the position of committee chairman since 1961.

Brothers and sisters include: Mrs. Gottlieb (Emelia) Pfeifle, Mrs. August (Anna) Haupt, Adolph, Mrs. Albert (Frieda) Permann, Rudolph, Walter, Tobea deceased, Thomas, and Mrs. Harry (Esther) Woehl.

Uncles and Aunts include: John, Israel, Christian, Alois, Edward, Herbert, Fred, and Mrs. John (Emelia) Speidel.

Grandfather—John Golz and wife Christina, nee Obenauer, came to this country from South Russia in 1886, settling in McPherson County, South Dakota.

Father—Gottfried Golz was born on March 21, 1885 in South Russia. He died on June 23, 1955, from a fatal fall, a resident of Ashley at the time.



OTTO FUNK

Otto Funk was born December 22, 1904 in McPherson County 18 miles northeast of Eureka, South Dakota, son of Wilhelm Funk and wife, Philippina Jerke.

On April 1, 1928 he exchanged marriage vows with Frieda Opp born November 13, 1906 in McPherson County 14 miles northeast of Eureka, South Dakota, daughter of Christ D. Opp and wife, Christina Neuharth.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Funk then settled on a farm 7 miles southeast of Ashley on which they are still living. They have two children LaVern (Mrs. Julius Pleinis) and Wilbert. Wilbert served in the army for two years and was honorably discharged in April, 1956.

Mr. and Mrs. Funk are members of the Zion Lutheran Church of Ashley.

The father of Otto Funk was Wilhelm Funk, born April 1, 1879 in Alt Alft Bessarabien, South Russia, the son of Christian Funk and Rosina (Reinge). When Wilhelm Funk was 6 years old he came to America with his parents and settled at Tripp, South Dakota. Four years later, in 1889, he accompanied his parents to Eureka, South Dakota, and settled with them on a homestead 11 miles northeast of Eureka. On March 17, 1904 Wilhelm Funk was married to Philippina Jerke at which time they made their home 18 miles northeast of Eureka. They were the parents of four sons, Otto, John, Richard and Julius. Julius died in 1916 at the age of one. Wilhelm Funk died February 19, 1937 at the age of 57, and his wife died February 6, 1957 at the age of 75.

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MR. AND MRS. FRED G. KLIPFEL

Fred G. Klipfel, a pioneer farmer of McIntosh County, was born on May 15, 1900, a son of George Klipfel and Magdalena (Rau) Klipfel. He was reared eight miles southeast of Ashley, North Dakota. After attending Eureka College in 1917 and 1918, he went back to the farm. Mr. Klipfel recalls his boyhood days when all the work was done with horses and threshing with a steam engine.

In 1921 he married Lydia Bender, a daughter of Jacob Bender and Katharina (Rau) Bender, who was also reared in McIntosh County. After their marriage they started farming on their own. In the 1930's farm prices were very poor. Wheat was down to twenty-five cents a bushel, cream was \$6.00 a ten gallon can, and eggs sold for nine cents a dozen. Then in 1933 came the drought, and in 1934 they had to sell livestock to the government because there was no other market. Cows sold for \$20.00 a head, heifers \$15.00, and calves for \$8.00. The drought held on until 1939, and in 1940 the country had good crops again up to the present time.

Mr. and Mrs. Klipfel have six children: Raymond, married to Huldina Fischer, who live on the homestead; Bernice married to Arthur Gehring, farming in South Dakota; Gertrude married to Ervin Schumacher, both teaching in McIntosh, South Dakota; Erna married to Ruben C. Sherle, who farms at Artas, South Dakota; Darlene, married to Elroy Mund, living at Mandan, North Dakota, and working for an electric appliance company; Betty married to Jim Finger, living at Omaha, Nebraska, who works for the Phillips 66 Petroleum Co.

Mr. Klipfel served as County Commissioner of McIntosh County for one four year term, and also as Deacon of the St. James Lutheran Church for more than twenty years, and is presently Deacon at the Zion Lutheran Church of Ashley.



MR. AND MRS. JACOB STROH

Jacob Stroh, son of Jacob Stroh and Magdalena Stocker, came to Ipswich, South Dakota from South Russia with his mother, one brother and two sisters, in 1892 at the age of six years.

The mother filed on a homestead twenty miles northwest of Ipswich and upon proving the claim, she married Mr. Jacob Dockter in April, 1895. Together with her four children, they moved to a farm two miles northeast of Venturia, North Dakota.

Mr. Stroh lived with his mother and step-father until he was united in marriage to Lydia Retzer on January 25, 1910, at which time he began farming a farm located three and one-half miles northeast of Venturia and continued farming until his retirement in the fall of 1945. At this time, Mr. and Mrs. Stroh moved to Venturia. Mr. Stroh is still very active in town, and helps his children with their work, when necessary.

There were nine children born to Mr. and Mrs. Stroh, namely: Berthold Stroh, Eureka, South Dakota; Mrs. Martha Opp, Eureka, South Dakota; Mrs. Hulda Loeb, Eureka, South Dakota; Herbert Stroh, Venturia, North Dakota; Wilbert Stroh, Venturia, North Dakota; Edwin Stroh, Mobridge, South Dakota; Mrs. Edna Neuhardt, Mobridge, South Dakota; Mrs. Adeline Ehley near Leola, South Dakota and Mrs. Loretta Dockter of Lodi, California.

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MRS. PAULINA PIETZ

Paulina Pietz is a daughter of Jacob and Margaret, nee Leicht, Dewald and was born December 25, 1897, in Jewell district, McIntosh County, North Dakota about fourteen miles southeast of Ashley, North Dakota.

November 15, 1917 she married John Kempf, son of Jacob Kempf. They established a rural home in McIntosh County and operated their farm until the fall of 1948. At this time they retired and moved to Aberdeen, South Dakota to make their home. The following year Mr. Kempf became ill and passed away June 13, 1949. Three children were born to this marriage: Ervin, born October 23, 1919, married to Albena Hoffman, have one child, farm near Leola, McPherson County, South Dakota; Gerhard, born February 18, 1922, married to Olga Albrecht, farm in McIntosh County, have four children, and Priscilla, born September 17, 1926, married to Art Leal, have three children, live in Aberdeen, South Dakota.

February 5, 1956 Paulina married Fred Pietz of Eureka, South Dakota. Following an illness he died September 15, 1957.

Mrs. Pietz, a widow, now makes her home in Aberdeen, South Dakota.



MR. AND MRS. JOHANNES GEHRING

Mr. Gehring was born April 27, 1880 in Beresina, South Russia. He was eighteen years of age when he arrived in McIntosh County with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johann Gehring.

They left their native Russia in 1898 to join the hundreds of their countrymen who had earlier gone to the great new land, America. On the midwestern prairies they hoped to build a better life than they might expect in the land of their birth.

After his parents had settled on a homestead six miles northeast of Ashley, young Johannes set out to find work. For a time he hauled mail from Ashley to Ellendale. Later, 1898-1903, he went to work on the railroad that was built from Merricourt to Wishek.

On January 1, 1904 Mr. Gehring married Fredericka Hermann. She, also a native of Beresina, was a child three years of age when she came to this country with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Hermann who settled five miles southeast of Ashley.

The Gehrings were the parents of ten children: Magdalena Mensing (deceased); Enoch (deceased); Hulda Gieser, Eureka, South Dakota; Edwin E., Ashley, North Dakota; John H., San Francisco, California; Gertrude Nitschke and Alma Fosgate, Billings, Montana; and Theodore, Lead, South Dakota. Two children died in infancy.

After many years of farming and hard work, Mr. and Mrs. Johannes Gehring retired and moved to Ashley. Mr. Gehring passed away in 1950 and Mrs. Gehring in 1960.

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FRED F. WOLF

Fred F. Wolf, a native-born pioneer of McIntosh County, is our present County Commissioner of the First District and has served in that capacity since 1943.

Mr. Wolf was born on his father's farm southeast of Lehr, North Dakota June 1, 1897 and grew to manhood there.

In November, 1920 he was united in marriage to Katie Meidinger and to this union was born one daughter, Phyllis, who is married to Art Bender, and who live twelve miles south of Wishek.

Mr. and Mrs. Wolf settled on a farm fourteen miles southeast of Lehr, North Dakota where they lived until 1938, when a tornado wrecked their entire farm except part of the house. The family huddled safely in the basement of the house until the storm subsided. Following the tragic event, they moved to a farm one mile west of there and lived there ever since. They owned 1280 acres of land and rented 320 acres. Of this acreage 600 acres are under cultivation and the rest is pasture and hayland. Along with the grain farming, Mr. Wolf has been raising Angus cattle for about forty years.

Mr. Wolf is a member of the Berlin Baptist Church (a rural church northeast of Ashley) and has served as deacon since 1941, and Sunday School Superintendent from 1939 to 1945. He also took an active interest in county and school affairs. He has been a member of the Rosenthal School Board since 1933.

Fred F. Wolf is a son of the late Fred Wolf, Sr., who in his time also was County Commissioner and assessor of the First Commissioner District for sixteen years.

Mrs. Fred F. Wolf, nee Katie Meidinger, also was a member of the Berlin Baptist Church and was active in Ladies Mission Society and Sunday School for many years. After a long illness, Mrs. Wolf died on May 20, 1960. Interment was made in the Berlin Cemetery.

On February 8, 1963 Fred F. Wolf married Mrs. Anna Jenner, who formerly was married to the late Fred Jenner, of Ashley.

Since February 8th the Fred F. Wolfs are making their home at 109 SE 1st Street in Ashley.



MRS. FRED F. WOLF

Mrs. Fred F. Wolf, nee Katie Meidinger, was born in April, 1899 on a farm near Ashley, North Dakota and was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Meidinger Sr. Mr. Meidinger served as Sheriff of McIntosh County and County Commissioner of the First District.

Mrs. Wolf was a member of the Berlin Baptist Church and was active in the Ladies Mission Society and Sunday School work.

Mrs. Wolf had one daughter, Phyllis, who is married to Art Bender. They live twelve miles south of Wishek, North Dakota, and have two daughters, Carol and Connie Bender.

After a long illness, Mrs. Wolf died on May 20, 1960. Interment was made at the Berlin Cemetery.

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FRED WOLF SR.

Fred Wolf, a young man of nineteen years, heard considerable about the advantages and opportunities being offered in America, so he too decided to come to this "new land" as it was called and seek his fortune.

He was born in Paulstal, South Russia, on January 12, 1870. Upon his arrival in America he went to Eureka, South Dakota where he filed on a homestead. He lived there until 1892. That year he came to McIntosh County and settled in Antelope Valley. In 1894 he was united in marriage to Mary Trichel. Their first home was made of sod and mud. At present the Wolf home is a large frame building. They had little money and the first years on their farm were ones of toil and hardships. Their equipment consisted of a plow that Mr. Wolf bought for \$16.00 and a crude binder, but as conditions improved and the grain brought a better price, better farm implements were added and the work was not so arduous. Their neighbors and friends were laboring under the same conditions and each helped the other in any way they could. For the first crop Mr. Wolf sold, he received forty-five cents per bushels for his wheat, fifteen cents for the barley and sixty-five cents for the flax. That does not seem like much at the present time, but commodities were very cheap at that time and these people were thrifty and able to save.

There were nine children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wolf, two of whom died in infancy. Children are: Fred F., Ashley, who has one daughter, Phyllis, and two grandchildren; Henry F., Aberdeen, South Dakota, deceased, has one son, Donovan, and one daughter, Elizabeth Marie, and three grandchildren; Jacob F., Kulm, North Dakota, has four children, Orville, Ermaline, Calvin, Rodney and seven grandchildren; Theodore, Fredonia, North Dakota, has one daughter, Eileen, one son, Donald and one grandchild; Mary, Lehr, North Dakota, now Mrs. Gideon Frey, has three sons, Larry, Ronnie, and Rodney.

Mr. and Mrs. Wolf were members of the Berlin Baptist Church (a rural church northeast of Ashley). Mr. Wolf served thirteen years as deacon of the church and for many years was Superintendent of Sunday School. He took an interest in county affairs and at various times served as assessor. He was elected commissioner of his district in 1923 and again in 1931. He also held the position as clerk of the Rosenthal School District for about twenty years.

Mr. Wolf died on May 26, 1936, and Mrs. Wolf died August 7, 1957. Interment was made at the Berlin Baptist Cemetery.

Many fond memories are treasured by the family and friends of these old pioneers who were such a good example to their family, in their church and to their fellow man.

THE KENNETH LYNN FAMILY



Kenneth Lynn is a son of the late Robert Lynn. Robert Lynn was one of the early pioneers, having come to McIntosh County in 1885.

The Lynn farm is Kenneth's birthplace. He was educated in the Ashley Public School, graduated from high school in 1922, and then he attended the N.D.A.C. at Fargo for two years, and taught a rural school for several years.

Kenneth and Anne Boomgaarden were married April 9, 1938. Anne is from Wahpeton, N. D. She graduated from high school and also attended the State Science School there. She then attended and graduated from the Ellendale State Teacher's College. She has taught about 20 years. Much of her teaching has been in the Ashley School system.

In 1947 the Lynns adopted two boys, Mark age 6, and Jerry age 4.

Up until 1949 the farming operations consisted mainly of beef cattle and grain farming. On May 31, of that year, a tornado demolished three and damaged the rest of the buildings on the Lynn farm. That fall they went into the dairy business, and at the present time they are selling Grade A milk besides their other farm operations.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn are active in community affairs. Kenneth served on the first board of directors for K E M Electric, was Past Grand of the Odd Fellows, a past president of the Ashley Lions Club, and the Ashley School Board. He also was a member of the McIntosh Co. Hospital Board for several years.

Anne, besides being a substitute teacher, is a member and past president of Thimble Bee, Ashley Woman's Club, and the Hospital Auxiliary. At the present time she is Treas. of the local chapter of the Infantile Paralysis Foundation and is chairman of the County Welfare Board. She has been a member of the Welfare Board for the past 25 years.

Mark and Jerry are graduates of the Ashley High School. Mark is helping his father with the farming operations and Jerry is attending NDSU at Fargo, N. D.

The Lynns are members of the Zion Lutheran Church of Ashley, Kenneth having served as deacon for several years. Anne is a past president of the Central Dakota Woman's Missionary Federation, and has just completed a two-year term as the first president of the local A.L.C.W. after the recent reorganization.



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MR. AND MRS. EMIL A. SAYLER



Emil A. Saylor is a son of Andrew A. Saylor and Christina (nee Stoebner) Saylor. Andrew was born May 16, 1876 in Johannesthal, Russia and with his family emigrated to the United States in 1894, stopping for a short time in Freeman, South Dakota. A short time later they came to McIntosh County and filed on land a few miles south of Venturia. On November 11, 1900 Andrew was married to Christine Stoebner, and after farming for seven years, the couple moved to Venturia where they engaged in the International Implement business until they retired in the year 1942. They were the parents of eleven children.

Emil, one of the eleven children, was born on February 9, 1906, and has been a resident of McIntosh County all of his life. On June 1, 1933 he was married to Idalia Wiedmann, a daughter of John and Katherina (nee Haas) Wiedmann. Mr. Saylor was employed as teller and assistant cashier of the First State Bank of Venturia for a period of nine years. Then, in July of 1935, he accepted a position as manager of the Cargill Grain Company of Venturia and continued in this capacity until July 1940, when he purchased the elevator. In December of 1947 he sold his elevator and accepted an appointment as acting postmaster of the Venturia Postoffice. During the years he spent in Venturia, Mr. Saylor served his community as Clerk of Johnstown School District and as Village Clerk, Treasurer and Assessor.

Mr. Saylor was elected as Treasurer of McIntosh County in the year of 1952, and at that time the family moved to Ashley. Having been returned to that office at every election, he still holds that position.

Mr. and Mrs. Saylor are active members of the Ashley Baptist Church. After serving for many years as church clerk, he is at the present time general treasurer.

They are the parents of two sons and one daughter: Milo of Rugby, North Dakota; Marilyn (Mrs. A. R. Boyle) of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Jerome of Grand Forks, North Dakota.

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MRS. SOPHIA MAIER

Mrs. Sophia Maier, nee Walker, is the widow of the late Lewis Walker. Mr. Walker and his wife came to Ashley in the year 1901. They lived in Ashley for one year and then homesteaded on a claim three and one half miles south of Ashley. In the year 1905 they moved to Ashley, where Mr. Walker was manager of the Ashley Lumber Company for twenty-one years until he suffered a stroke and was unable to work. His son, Adam, is still employed in the lumber yard. Mr. Walker passed away April 19, 1933.

In 1934, Mrs. Walker married Gottlieb Roeszler, who passed away in 1944. Mrs. Roeszler was also one of our pioneers.

In the spring of 1945, Mrs. Roeszler was married to John M. Maier, who passed away in March, 1960. He was also one of our pioneers. Mrs. Maier is eighty years old and resides in Ashley. She is in good health and quite active, enabling her to do her own housework. She is a faithful member of the American Lutheran Church.

In her younger days she took care of the sick. She has four children: Herbert, Goldfield, Iowa; Adam L., Ashley, North Dakota; Oliver, Seattle, Washington; Mrs. Albert Iszler, Ashley, North Dakota; and nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.



MR. AND MRS. HENRY HUETHER

Henry Huether was born and reared in the Dakotas, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Huether Sr. (nee Grenz). The family moved to Ashley in 1910. After doing odd jobs in carpenter work, in 1916 Mr. Huether accepted his first contract to build a house north of Venturia, North Dakota and continued homebuilding for two years. In 1918, he decided to venture into commercial building contracting and became foreman for other contracting firms for five years.

In 1919, Pauline Schauer, daughter of Ludwig Schauer and Rosina Heyd Schauer, married Mr. Huether, to which union one child, Dolores, was born. She married Marvin Kessel. Two grandchildren, Steven and Michael Kessel, reside in Ashley with their parents.

Since 1923, Mr. Huether has had a successful career building churches (28), schools, banks and other commercial enterprises in various states covering the northwestern area.

Mr. Huether is an avid spectator sports fan and during his youth was well-known for his baseball participation, both as a player and for many years, as the umpire for the city team. He served on local committees and took part in civic affairs. Mr. and Mrs. Huether are affiliated with the Zion Lutheran Church of Ashley.

In 1961, Mr. Huether retired from active business and he and his wife are at present spending their retirement traveling and in their home in Ashley.

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MR. AND MRS. OSCAR BAUMANN

Oscar Baumann was born July 26, 1895 to the late Karl and Barbara Baumann, (nee Hofert) in a sod house eight miles northwest of Ashley, North Dakota where the late Mr. Baumann homesteaded in 1892.

When Mr. Baumann entered school, the school term was only three months. There was no formal schoolhouse. The children attended school in the homes of the parents one month at a time.

Until he grew to manhood, he worked with his father on the farm. On December 7, 1919 he was united in marriage to Emelia Kempf, daughter of the late Jacob and Caroline Kempf (nee Mertz).

The Baumanns settled on a farm seven and one-half miles northwest of Ashley where they resided until 1948 when they moved to Ashley where they are now making their home.

Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Baumann, five of whom are still living: Raymond, farming on the homestead farm, married to Hildegard Maier. They have three children: Geraldine, Robert and Glenn; Richard, a jeweler, married to Emma Hoffman, Aberdeen, South Dakota. They have one son, Richard John; Virginia, married to Rueben Wolff, beer distributor, living in Hudson, Wisconsin. They have three children, Kent, Penelope and Douglas; Jeanette, married to Clarence Kienzle, Standard Oil bulk dealer, living in Wishek, North Dakota. They have five children: Thomas, Peggy, Steven, Michael and Gina; Melvin, McIntosh County Sheriff, married to Marcella Mayer. They have three children: Yvonne, Rodney and Jason.

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MR. AND MRS. BALTHASAR ISZLER, JR.

Mr. Balthasar Iszler, Jr. was born October 16, 1882 in Friedenstahl, Bessarabia, South Russia. He was a son of Balthasar Iszler, Sr. and wife Dorothea, nee Joachim.

At the age of sixteen he came to America with his parents. They sailed on the ship named "Kaiser Wilhelm the Great" and landed at the port of New York. On the 7th day of April 1898 they left New York and arrived at Eureka, South Dakota on April 12, 1898. They homesteaded three and one-half miles north of Venturia, North Dakota.

Mr. Iszler then went to work near Tripp, South Dakota for two years. He then went to Goodrich, North Dakota where he worked for the Lenhardt Mertz family and also taught school for three years. In 1903 he left for Alberta, Canada and was employed by a railroad company for two years. In 1905 he came back and homesteaded near Tuttle, North Dakota.

Mrs. Eva Iszler, nee Dockter, was born October 5, 1887 in Neudorf, Kerson, South Russia, a daughter of Johann and Magdalena Dockter, nee Fiekert.

At the age of nine she came to America with her parents and three sisters and three brothers. They homesteaded near Goodrich, North Dakota where she grew to young womanhood.

On April 1, 1906 Balthasar Iszler and Eva Dockter were united in marriage at Goodrich, North Dakota. They lived on the farm near Tuttle, North Dakota for four years. Here Mr. Iszler injured his back and they had to give up farming.

In 1910 they moved to Venturia where he was engaged in the general store business and also bought cream. In 1915 he was Venturia's Postmaster for a year. In 1932, Mr. Iszler was elected to the office of County Register of Deeds. The family moved to Ashley, the county seat. This position Mr. Iszler held for twenty-two years.

Mr. Iszler passed away September 5, 1957 at the Ashley Hospital. Mrs. Iszler lives here in her home and is quite active and in good health.

To this union seven children were born. They are: Mrs. Wm. (Emma) Rall, Spokane, Washington; Mrs. Chet (Mary) Baker, Spokane, Washington; Albert, Ashley, North Dakota; Otto, Wallace, Idaho; Mrs. Freddie (Helen) Frisch, Ashley, North Dakota; Mrs. Tom (Irma) Connors, Kellogg, Idaho; Mrs. Rudy (Arlone) Binder, Salt Lake City, Utah. There are seventeen grandchildren and nineteen great grandchildren.



MR. AND MRS. JACOB J. GOEHRING

I was born March 17, 1886 to John and Elizabeth, nee Bertsch, Goehring at the Jewell District, McIntosh County, about thirteen miles southeast of Ashley, North Dakota. My father died in 1902 leaving my mother, myself, six brothers and one sister to continue farming. In 1908 I married Lydia Schock of Ashley, North Dakota and settled on a farm fifteen miles southeast of Ashley. I farmed there for four years and having heard of free land and wonderful crops out west I sold the farm in 1912 and moved to Rupert, Idaho where I took up two quarters of land. The land was very productive as long as it was irrigated. Without irrigation, all that grew was sagebrush, cactus and rabbits. In the fall of 1917, I sold again and moved the family back to Ashley, North Dakota. I bought a farm eight miles south of Ashley on Section 28, Township 129, Range 70. There we farmed until 1947 when we decided to retire and sold the farm to our son, Sam Goehring. In June 1948 my wife died. We had five children: Edwin, Ashley, North Dakota; Adolph, Galt, California; Sam, Eureka, South Dakota; Viola, Mrs. Roy Bauer, of Claremont, South Dakota and Lydia, Mrs. Adam Herr of Wishek, North Dakota. In January 1949, I married Mrs. Emma Woehl of Ashley, North Dakota. My step-children are: Ted Woehl, Ashley, North Dakota; Willis Woehl, Fredonia, North Dakota and Harry Woehl, Lodi, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Goehring are members of the First Baptist Church of Ashley, North Dakota. In years past, Mr. Goehring served on church committees and twelve years as church treasurer. Mr. and Mrs. Goehring are still residing in Ashley.



MR. AND MRS. JACOB J. WOESZNER

The Woesznors farmed twelve miles east of Ashley, North Dakota where Mr. Woeszner's parents homesteaded. They came to this country in 1890 where Jacob J. Woeszner was born on August 18, 1902. He lived with his parents on the farm until 1923 when he married Marie Sackmann of Ashley on November 11, 1923.

There were two children born to the Woesznors. Leona Violet, married to Herbert J. Neu of Ashley, North Dakota, and Estella Marie, married to Edwin A. Neu, of Ashley, North Dakota. Leona and Estella both live on farms.

The Woesznors were active in farming until 1947 when they moved to Ashley, North Dakota. Mr. Woeszner started carpenter work and later started building houses, having built many houses in the city of Ashley.

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MR. AND MRS. DAN P. ERLENBUSCH

Dan Erlenbusch was born near Odessa, South Russia in the year 1890. At the age of 8½ years he came to America with his parents, and grew to manhood on their homestead east of Ashley.

In 1913 he was married to Bertha Hoeger, who was born near Coldwater in 1894. They spent the first 7½ years of their married life on a farm in Montana, where they had filed on a homestead.

The couple returned to Ashley in 1920 and Mr. Erlenbusch was employed as a mechanic by Kessel and Lippert who held the Overland and Dort car agency.

Next he served as city police and street commissioner until, in 1924, he was elected and served two terms as Sheriff of McIntosh County.

In 1929 he became the manager of the Deep Rock Oil Corporation and he and his son, Oscar, operated this business until it was sold to Irvin A. Rothfusz in January, 1955. Mr. and Mrs. Erlenbusch then moved to Lodi, California where they still reside.

In addition to serving as city alderman for two terms, Mr. Erlenbusch spent twenty years as an active member of the Ashley Volunteer Fire Department, serving as engineer on the stationary pumper at the Fire Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Erlenbusch are the parents of three children: Theodore, married to Hilda Mayer, now living in Lodi, California; Olga, now Mrs. Pat Chase of Las Vegas; and Oscar, married to Esther Retzer, and living in Ashley.



JOHN DOBLER

John Dobler was born in Beresina, South Russia on July 21, 1883. In 1889 when he was six years old, he came to America with his parents, Jacob and Johanna Dobler, nee Mertz. To this union thirteen children were born. Mr. Dobler has one living sister, Johanna, Mrs. Jacob Rall, residing in Ashley.

His parents located in McIntosh County and John, with their other children, grew up on a farm about nine miles northeast of Ashley.

When he was a young man he filed on land, a quarter in Sec. 17-130-68. In 1906 on January 6, he was united in marriage to Carolina Schnaible, a daughter of Martin and Christina Schnaible, nee Burr. Mrs. Dobler was born on February 9, 1884. After a few years they moved to a farm five miles east of Danzig, North Dakota. They raised a family of eleven children of which ten are living: Adeline, born December 23, 1906; Pauline, (Mrs. Pauline Werre) born April 12, 1908 living in Ashley, North Dakota; Maggie, born June 22, 1909, married to Jake Eszlinger, High school custodian in Elk Grove, California; Jacob, born December 21, 1910, school custodian, Sacramento, California; Ida, (Mrs. Ida Werre) born April 20, 1912, Spokane, Washington; Reinhold, born October 10, 1914, carpenter, Spokane, Washington; Johanna, (Mrs. Orville Rosland) born March 15, 1917, living on a farm near Marion, North Dakota; Arthur, born June 20, 1919, car salesman, Dickinson, North Dakota; Emil, born February 4, 1922, operating a lumber yard in Dickinson, North Dakota; Emma (Mrs. Herbert Lukey) born September 18, 1924, Spokane, Washington; Olga, born March 4, 1927 (Mrs. G. L. Sackmann) living on a farm near Ashley, North Dakota.

During the second World War, two of the sons served in the armed forces. Art served with an amphibious boat battalion in the South Pacific. Emil served with the 3rd Div. of the 3rd Marines, also in the South Pacific.

After the death of Mrs. Dobler on December 14, 1938, he married Katherina Rott Hogenson. This marriage was performed April 4, 1940. In 1942 they purchased a house in Ashley and moved to their new home.

Mrs. Dobler died August 12, 1957. Mr. Dobler is a member of The Assembly of God Church in Ashley, North Dakota. Mrs. Pauline Werre now resides with her father.

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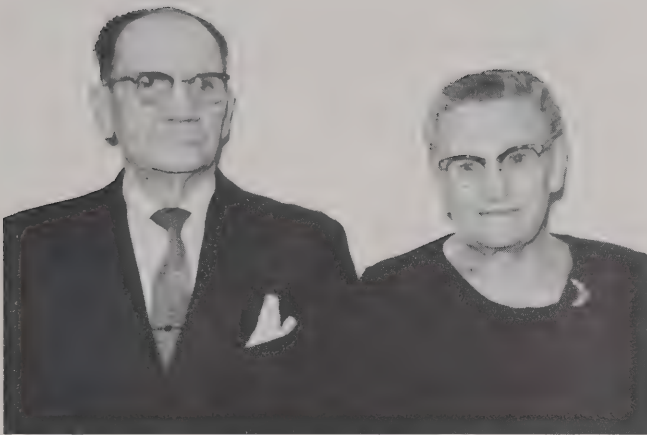
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GEORGE DOBLER

Another McIntosh County pioneer worthy of mention is George Dobler. He came to America in 1886 with his parents, Gottlieb and Anna Marie Dobler. Their first home in the new country was a small sod house which they built about twelve miles northeast of Ashley. Here they spent much time and labor preparing their land for farming and making their home as comfortable as possible. They were the parents of nine children who assisted them greatly in their successful farm work.

George was born July 3, 1885 in Beresina, Russia and is the only remaining one of the family. He tells of the work, the changes and the progress made through the years as follows:

Together the parents and children worked hard to build up the homestead and establish ourselves as good Americans. We had very little in the line of machinery to work with but did the best we could. Few of the early farmers had any more than we did, but we all seemed to prosper and helped each other when we could.

In 1906, being twenty one years of age, I took up a homestead fourteen miles northeast of Ashley so that I could have land of my own. January 3, 1907 I married Magdalena Lux who had come to America in 1905. She was born August 19, 1888 in Beresina, Russia. We made our home on my claim until 1911 when I purchased my father's homestead. We moved our two-roomed shack to this place and there we made our home until we were able in 1915 to build a new house. The early years on the homestead were lean ones, but each year some progress was made and through careful living we felt we were making a success of things.

We lived on this farm until 1937 when we decided to move to Ashley. We stayed here in the home we built until in 1942 we sold our home, bought a new one in West Fargo, North Dakota and moved there. I worked for two years with the Armour Company and then worked for the city. I bought and repaired older homes and then resold them. I continued this work until 1953 when I decided it was time to retire, so we sold our home, built a new one in Ashley and enjoy being back here to make our home again.

We raised a family of eight children which at the present time are all living. They are:

Hulda, born May 27, 1908, now Mrs. Sam Rott, Fargo,

North Dakota; Theodore, born April 22, 1912, married to Emma Wolf, West Fargo, North Dakota; Leonard, born June 8, 1916, married to Marie Quaschnick, Fargo, North Dakota; Alma, born January 15, 1918, now Mrs. Ewald Ulmer, Fullerton, North Dakota; Alvina, born February 2, 1920, now Mrs. Carl Glur, Ashley, North Dakota; Eleanor, born March 15, 1923, now Mrs. Clarence Ulmer, Fullerton, North Dakota; Elsie, born May 30, 1925, now Mrs. Victor Smith, Alameda, California; Ella, born September 13, 1927, now Mrs. Loron Rice, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

We have twenty-one grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Dobler have led a very busy and interesting life and have raised a fine family.



JOHN HEINRICH

John Heinrich came to McIntosh County, North Dakota with his parents, Gottfried and Christine Heinrich, in 1889 from Parkston, South Dakota. His parents being dissatisfied with living conditions in Russia came in 1881 to Parkston with many other prospectors from overseas. John was born in 1884 and was about four years old when the family moved to McIntosh County, North Dakota. From Parkston they travelled by train to Eureka, South Dakota and from there journeyed on over land about forty four miles to the east and north to the Jewell Township in North Dakota. Here on the prairie they established their home and prospered for many years. A family of nine children, four born in Russia, were raised, namely Karolina, Mary, Karl, Fred, Louise, John, Theresa, Gottlieb and Julius.

John was a small boy when the move to Jewell was made and he grew up on the home farm southeast of Ashley, North Dakota. In 1909 he married Mary Hausch. They have five children, Emma in Leola, South Dakota; Fred in Michigan; Christine in Sacramento, California; Eddie in Concord, California and Ella in Richmond, California.

The Heinrichs operated their farm until 1957 when they disposed of their property and moved to Lodi, California where they now make their home. They have made many new friends there but think often of the good old-time friends in Ashley and Kulm, North Dakota and others in Leola, South Dakota.

Mr. Heinrich is now seventy-eight years old and Mrs. Heinrich is seventy-one.



GOTTFRIED KESSEL

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kessel who lived in Borodino, South Russia left their homeland in 1886 to join others who were coming to America, the land of untold riches and free fertile farm lands. Their three small children accompanied them and after a long, tiresome journey they reached McIntosh County, North Dakota and filed on land. Their early home was much the same as those built by other pioneers. It was constructed of mud and stones and sod blocks and was surprisingly warm in winter and cool in summer. Quite different from the modern homes of 1963. By continued efforts and making the most of what they had they were quite comfortable and made progress along with the other early settlers. They took care of their farm lands and cattle and raised their children, teaching them also to work. They were the parents of seven children.

The youngest of their children was Gottfried, born January 26, 1897. He has lived continuously on the homestead growing to manhood there. In 1921 he married Emma Pohl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Pohl. In 1926 a new house was built but Mr. Kessel says the old barn, which is older than he, is still in use today. New improvements in farming equipment and buildings was general throughout McIntosh County.

But the dry, dusty, windy days of the 1930's were before them. Conditions were not proper for the growth of farm products. There were no crops to harvest, no crops for food for livestock, no crops to sell. About the only things that grew were thistles and tumble weeds. These were cut when young and green and used for hay. Not too good but better than nothing. Many fine herds of cattle were sold because of the shortage of food for them. Better times came again and since the early 1940's the country in general has prospered.

Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Kessel have four children: Ruthie born July 13, 1927, married to Matthew Schock, has been teaching for eighteen years; Leslie, born March 8, 1932, not married, farming at home; Gladys, born June 30, 1934, married to C. Kennet, has three children, lives at Jamestown, North Dakota; Alvin, born December 23, 1936, not married, works at the State Hospital, Jamestown, North Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. Kessel still operate their farm. Some years, he says, have been good and some bad but always they've been able to get along. They are frequent callers in Ashley, taking care of business and shopping.



GOTTFRIED QUASCHNICK

Gottfried Quaschnick is the son of Jacob and Carolina Quaschnick. He was born in 1883 in South Russia and came to the United States of America with his parents when he was three years old. His parents filed on a homestead three miles north of Coldwater, McIntosh County, North Dakota and made their home there for many years.

When Gottfried was sixteen he started work for Jim McConval on the site of the present highway #11, six miles north of Forbes. His wages were forty cents per day with room and board.

At the age of twenty-one he also homesteaded about one half mile southwest of his father's home. December 5, 1905 he married Rose Kosel and they raised a family of eleven children.

Some time later he purchased the McConval ranch in Dickey County which contained 320 acres. He farmed the 880 acres of the homestead place, 600 of which were in cultivated crops and the balance in pasture.

In 1935 he bought a vineyard and home north of Lodi, California and moved his family there in 1936. He has three married daughters in North Dakota, Lilly, now Mrs. John Rothfusz; Sophia, now Mrs. Enoch Nitschke, lives on homestead farm; and Emelia, now Mrs. August Heil. Mr. Heil operates a large grain and stock farm of 900 acres in the Coldwater area.

Mr. Quaschnick is now about eighty years of age and has led a full and interesting life.

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MR. AND MRS. JOHN SALZER

John Salzer was born in South Russia on February 24, 1900, and came to this country with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Salzer in the month of December, 1908 to Herreid, South Dakota. They moved from there to McIntosh County in the month of February, 1922. He was married to Christina

Gohl in 1923. Seven children were born to this union, namely: Raymond of Ashley, Irene, now Mrs. Richard Novotny of St. Paul, Minnesota, Clarence, Eugene, John Jr. of Ashley, Lavina, now Mrs. Ruben Huber of Minot, North Dakota, Luella, now Mrs. Melvin Blumhardt, Ashley. Lived on the farm until 1946, then moved to Ashley, continued farming for a few years. Then started the Plumbing, Heating and Electric business with his boys. Mr. Salzer was elected School Director two terms, 2nd District Assessor for three terms and County Commissioner of the 2nd District for 6 terms. Mr. and Mrs. Salzer are members of the E.U.B. Church of Ashley, North Dakota.

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VERNON JENNER



Pioneering held no fears for Jacob Jenner Sr. He was born in Bergdorf, South Russia in 1860 and grew to manhood there. In 1883 he married Magdalena Lammle and at the age of twenty-five years, Mr. Jenner with his wife migrated to America. They arrived in Eureka, South Dakota early in 1886. With a team of oxen, wagon and hand plow they decided to journey on. The trail took them northeast to within nine miles southwest of Ashley. Here they decided to cast their lot and took up homestead. A well was dug and sod house and barn were built. The family then decided to settle down to the task of making a living and raising a family on the wind-swept prairie of Dakota. There were no modern machines for seeding or harvest. Everything was done by hand. In spite of the severe winters and low prices for the products they raised, the Jenners prospered and acquired more land. In 1917 after farming thirty-one years and acquiring 1280 acres of land, Mr. and Mrs. Jenner retired and moved to Ashley to rest from their strenuous labors and enjoy their church and friends.

In 1917 their land was divided among three sons with their son, Fred, acquiring the homestead. In 1917 Fred was married to the former Anna Bertsch to whom a family of four children were born: LaVern, Mrs. Elmer Diede, Jamestown, N. D.; Vernon; Frances, Mrs. Ervin Grenz, Eureka, S. D.; Vera, Mrs. Ewald Ebel, Jamestown, N. D. Farming methods had changed from oxen to horses and later to tractors. The first years were prosperous for the Jenners, but in 1930 the widespread drought caused hardship and many other difficulties. However, the Jenners had no fear and knew these times would change. In 1939 the rains came and many years of prosperity were again enjoyed. In 1950 they retired for a well earned rest and moved to Ashley. In 1956 Mr. Jenner was called by his Maker and departed this life. Mrs. Jenner continues to make her home at Ashley.

In 1950 this homestead was purchased by their son, Vernon. The unit at time of purchase consisted of 400 acres. Additional land has been added bringing the number of acres to 1320 including 440 of rented land. About 850 acres are cultivated and the balance is pasture. A four-year rotation of legumes, fallow, wheat and corn is followed on the cultivated acres. With present methods of crop rotation, planting of legumes to retard erosion and improve soil structure, elimination of noxious weeds, planting trees to prevent water and wind erosion as well as provide shelter for livestock and farmstead has made farming more profitable. Soon after taking possession of this farm new buildings were added: a new home including all modern conveniences, pole barn, machine shed, and a complete livestock feeding yard.

The past fourteen years much of Vernon's time has been devoted to the raising and selling of quality Holstein, Guernsey and Brown Swiss dairy stock. These animals are acquired at the age of two to three weeks from top quality herds in Wisconsin, are raised to two-year-old springing heifers and sold to buyers from North Dakota, South Dakota and as far south as Colorado, Oklahoma and Kansas. Mixing of feeds including dried milk, protein supplements, vitamins, etc., has made it possible to start these calves on a liquid milk free diet.

This way of life is enjoyed by the entire family. Mrs. Vernon Jenner is the former Ruth Luebeck, daughter of the Rev. W. J. Luebeck, former pastor of the Ashley Baptist church. Their son, David Paul, is a freshman in High School. Their daughter Judith is in the sixth grade, and Rhoda is in grade two.



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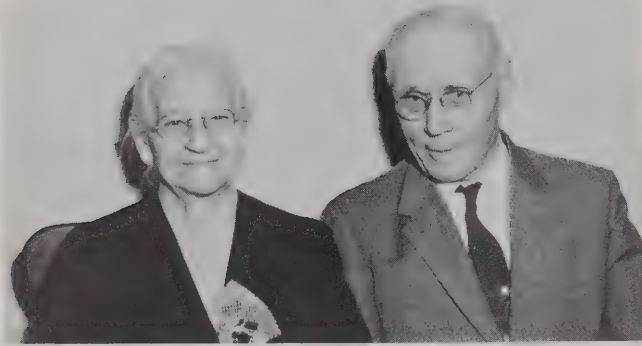
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MR. AND MRS. LUDWIG RETZER

Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Retzer were among the early pioneers of McIntosh County. Mr. Retzer was born in Friedenthal, South Russia, on February 23, 1882. In 1904 he was united in marriage to Katharina Wolff.

The Retzer family left Russia when many were seeking their fortune in America, the land of promise, arriving at Bowdle, South Dakota in the fall of 1905. In spring of 1906 they moved to Jamestown, North Dakota, where Mr. Retzer was employed as a railroad section worker. This did not seem to be the place they desired, so in 1907 they filed a homestead claim in McIntosh County nine miles southeast of Ashley. Crops were not very good the first few years but conditions improved and though products were low in price, they managed to save and acquire more land and equipment.

Nine children came to bless their home and were brought up in the Lutheran faith, as are Mr. and Mrs. Retzer. They are as follows: Katie, now Mrs. Clarence Gustafson, Hopkins, Minn.; Fred, Long Lake, South Dakota; Lydia, now Mrs. Alfred Spitzer, Leola, South Dakota; Pauline, now Mrs. Theo. Maule, Long Lake, South Dakota; Adolph, Fosston, Minn.; Rose and Reinhold (twins), Rose, being Mrs. G. C. Schauer, Aberdeen, South Dakota, and Reinhold living on the homestead farm; Hulda, now Mrs. Edmund Opp, Eureka, South Dakota; and Tillie, now Mrs. Albert Maier, Ashley, North Dakota. The Retzers have twenty-five grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren.

In the fall of 1944 they retired from farming and moved to Ashley where they still reside.

In October of 1954 the Retzers observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary.



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MR. AND MRS. EDWIN A. NEU

Edwin A. Neu was born to Andreas Neu and Louisa (Weber) on May 1, 1923, on his father's farm two miles northwest of Ashley.

Mrs. Neu was born Estella Marie Woeszner, a daughter of Jacob J. Woeszner and Marie (Sackmann) on February 19, 1930, on her father's farm approximately 13 miles east of Ashley, which is the farm she and Edwin presently occupy.

Mr. and Mrs. Neu were married September 28, 1947, and commenced their farming operations on Mrs. Neu's father's farm, as he retired from the farm at the time of their marriage. This farm was homesteaded in 1890 by Jacob Woeszner, Sr., Mrs. Neu's grandfather, and has remained in the family since that time. The Neus have operated the farm continuously since their marriage and have devoted most of their time and energy to the raising of Hereford cattle. Mr. Neu since prior to his marriage has been interested in registered Hereford cattle and, except for a few cows they hold for milking purposes, all of their cattle are purebred. Mr. Neu winters approximately 150 head.

Because of his interest in the cattle business, Mr. Neu for many years has been an active member of the McIntosh County Livestock Association, and also the McIntosh County Hereford Association. Also, because of his keen interest in farming and all of its aspects, he has been one of the Supervisors of the McIntosh County Soil Conservation District since its organization in 1951.

Mr. and Mrs. Neu are the parents of two sons: Steven born August 3, 1951, and Ralph born July 9, 1954. In order to stimulate the boys' interest in farming, Mr. Neu has been active in 4-H work. The entire family has taken a keen interest in the newly-organized Gold Star Saddle Club of Ashley.

The Neu family are staunch Lutherans and were members of Zion I Lutheran Church until its dissolution in 1962, and are presently members of the Zion Lutheran Church at Ashley.



GOTTHILF PFEIFLE

Gotthilf Pfeifle was born on a farm ten miles northeast of Eureka, South Dakota on February 28, 1886, a son of Jacob and Christina Pfeifle, nee Denning.

In 1900 Gotthilf worked with his brother-in-law, Daniel Moench, who operated a dray line in Ashley. About this time he helped to prepare the roadbed for the Soo Line Railroad. He drove a team of horses with a scraper, working from the Lynn farm to Madra, South Dakota.

On January 7, 1908 the young man was united in marriage

to Katherina Spitzer, a daughter of John Spitzer of Long Lake, South Dakota. They homesteaded on a farm ten miles northwest of Ashley where they resided until the spring of 1922. They operated a meat market in Venturia until 1928 when they returned to the farm. They remained on the farm until 1961 when they purchased a home and retired to Ashley.

The Pfeifles are the parents of seven children: Oscar and Olga (Mrs. Andrew Dockter), rural Ashley; Ida (Mrs. Gideon Hagel), rural Venturia; Alma Kundert, Lodi, California; Cyrus and Ethel of Ashley and Ottlia, (Mrs. Lloyd Dahlen), Escalon, California.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN W. JENNER

John W. Jenner, the son of the late Wilhelm and Magdalena Bertsch Jenner, was born on his father's farm south of Ashley on June 1, 1902.

On July 15, 1928 he was united in marriage to Esther Mary Joachim who was the daughter of Jacob Joachim and his wife, Kate Wagner Joachim.

Three daughters were born to them: Bernice Florence, (Mrs. Allen Guenther) born at Hillsvie, South Dakota, on November 26, 1929; Gerda, (Mrs. Fred H. Entzie) born at Hillsvie, March 11, 1932; Junella (Mrs. Stanley Dobler) was born September 28, 1934 in Ashley, North Dakota.



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MR. AND MRS. CLARENCE RUFF

Clarence E. Ruff is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ruff of Kulm.

On September 4, 1953 he was married to Ella Sperle Joachim. Her first husband, Rudolf Joachim, son of the Jakob Joachims of Venturia, had been killed in a tractor accident in 1951. She had two children by her first marriage, Joyce and Bonnie.

Three children were born to the Ruffs: Linda, Shirley, and Brenda.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruff and family live on a 515-acre farm which was formerly the Christ Sperle homeplace. They are engaged in grain-farming and in cattle-raising.



MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL BERTSCH

Samuel Bertsch was born in Beresina, South Russia, April 3, 1870, and came to America with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bertsch, Sr. in May, 1887. They settled near Hoskins.

In 1889, Mr. Bertsch was married to Christina Mayer, who

was born December 25, 1871, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mayer. She came to America with her parents in 1887.

After their marriage, the young couple homesteaded a claim twelve miles east of Ashley.

Fifteen children were born to the Bertsches. Five died as infants, and Otto died October 31, 1957. Those living are: John, Gottlieb, Altina Retzer, Clara Erlenbusch, Hulda Beglau, Theodore and Emil. There are thirty-six grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Bertsch moved to Lodi, California in October, 1928. Mrs. Bertsch died March 30, 1936.

Mr. Bertsch married Mrs. Wilhelmina Kleinknecht in 1937. Mr. Bertsch died June 30, 1939.



MR. AND MRS. GOTTFRIED BERTSCH

Gottfried Bertsch is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bertsch. He was born in McIntosh County November 9, 1903, on his father's farm seventeen miles east of Ashley, where he lived until his marriage.

In 1927, he was united in marriage to Pauline Wagner, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Philip Wagner. The marriage service was read by Rev. Bergstedt of the rural Zion I Lutheran Church, of which they became members. Mr. Bertsch was a Sunday school teacher for a number of years, and also treasurer and deacon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bertsch have one daughter, Alma Pearl, now Mrs. Clarence Wetzel.

During the first year and a half of their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Bertsch farmed sixteen miles northeast of Ashley. In the fall of 1928, Mr. Bertsch bought and took over the Samuel Bertsch farm from his father who had homesteaded the land in 1884. The Bertsches are still on the old homestead, engaged in raising grain and cattle.

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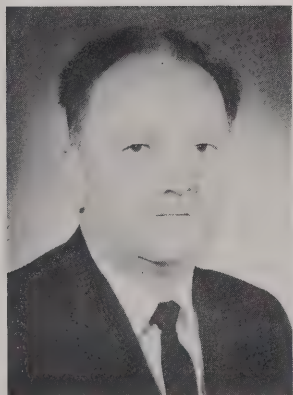
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MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR BREITLING Venturia

Arthur Breitling was born on January 20, 1907, a son of the late Gottlieb Breitling and Fredricka, nee Dobler. He grew up on a farm located 6½ miles Southwest of Venturia, N. Dak. On October 23, 1932 he exchanged marriage vows with Relina, nee Haas, who was born November 7, 1910 a daughter of Adam S. Haas and Sophia, nee Woehl of Venturia, N. Dak.

The Breitlings have a family of three children, Arthur James, born December 7, 1934, is married and farms near Bowdle, So. Dak. Donald Delain, born July 21, 1937, is married and employed as a shipping clerk in a bakery at Fargo, N. Dak. Caryl Joyce was born January 14, 1943 and is presently employed as a bookkeeper in a bank at Fargo, N. Dak. The Breitlings also have three grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Breitling farmed for 26 years on the old homestead where Mr. Breitling grew up. In 1959 they bought a home in Venturia where they are presently making their home.

In 1957 Mr. and Mrs. Breitling were honored at a surprise gathering in observance of their 25th wedding anniversary. The occasion was planned by their children and close relatives.

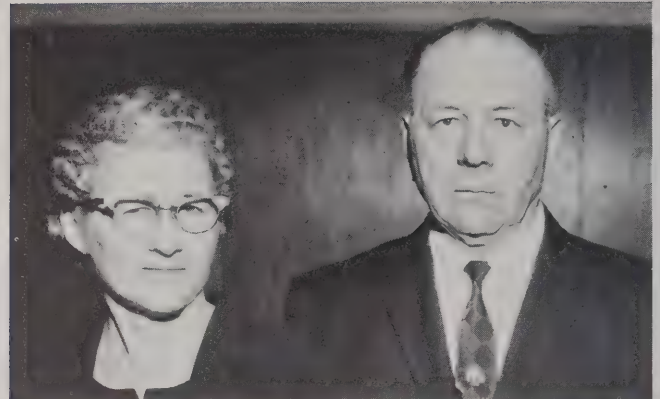
Mr. and Mrs. Breitling are members of the Venturia Baptist Church. Mr. Breitling has served as deacon and trustee for several years. He is also a member of the Men's Brotherhood. Mrs. Breitling is a member of the Womens' Missionary Society. The Breitlings are also serving as church janitors at the present time.

Mr. Breitling is still engaged in some farming for himself. He also spends some time working for neighbors and some other people.

Mr. Breitling also has served several years as a school director and also a few years on the city council.

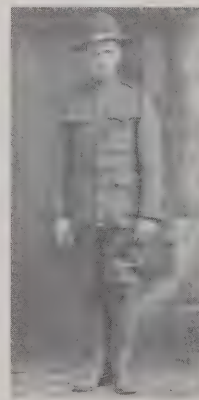
The Breitlings are enjoying good health and spend a good deal of time visiting their children and many friends.

There were 15 children in the Breitling family, 9 of whom are living: Christina Bertsch; Paulina Bertsch; Bertha, Mrs. August Miller; Rachel, Mrs. Henry Rott; Leah, Mrs. Samuel Bender; Ruth, Mrs. Daniel Miller; Adina, Mrs. E. J. Giedt; and Rebecca Straub. One boy died in infancy. Gottlieb, Gideon, Tabita, Emily and Lydia are all deceased. Arthur is the only living son.



JACOB GLAESMAN

Jacob Glaesman was born March 24, 1895 at Scotland, South Dakota, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Glaesman. When he was about two months old the family moved to McIntosh County and settled on a location about 4 miles south of Ashley. His early years were spent on his father's farm and attending school when any was held.



Jacob Glaesman at the time of induction into the U.S. Army on June 24, 1918. He served in Company E, 352nd Infantry.

On June 24, 1918 he was called to service of his country and spent over a year in the army. On August 15, 1918 he and his company were shipped to Europe and he spent 9 months in active duty in France and Germany. He was discharged from service July 16, 1919.

In the year 1920 Mr. Glaesman acquired some land from his father and erected a house, barn and other buildings and commenced his farming operations. On November 27, 1921 he was married to Hilda Baumann, a daughter of Karl Baumann, by the Rev. P. A. Briest, Pastor of the Lutheran Church at Ashley. In 1922 Mr. and Mrs. Glaesman became members of the Marienberg Congregation 7 miles southwest of Ashley in which he served as Deacon and Secretary for a number of years. In 1935 they became members of the Zion Lutheran Church at Ashley where Mr. Glaesman is serving as Deacon and a member of the Church Council at the present time.

Mr. and Mrs. Glaesman operated their farm raising small grain, cattle and other livestock until the year 1962 when they moved to Ashley.

The marriage was blessed with two children, Delores and LeRoy. Delores was born October 16, 1922, and is married to Ernest Hoffman who is presently a car salesman in Lodi, California. They have two children. LeRoy Glaesman was born November 18, 1927 and married Shirley Aas. They have three children. LeRoy is presently employed as a printer in Pelican Rapids, Minnesota.

Mr. Glaesman was also active in social and public activities and served as Treasurer of Myrtle School District approximately 16 years.



MR. GOTTLIEB ISZLER

Gottlieb Iszler was born in Friedensthal, Russia on Sept. 20, 1878. He is the son of the late Michael Iszler and Torothea Joachim. With his parents and family he emigrated from Russia to Rumania in the year 1892, where they lived two years before going back to Russia. Mr. Iszler was 20 years old when he, his parents and family emigrated to the United States of America in 1898. He was employed on farms in the Eureka, Tripp, and Aberdeen, South Dakota vicinity for three years. On January 31, 1901 he was united in marriage with Karolina Nitschke, daughter of Christoph and Rosina (Maerz) Nitschke. They homesteaded in McIntosh County, four miles north of Ashley, then moved to his present farm eleven miles northwest of Ashley. Many hardships were encountered in those early years, one of them being when their frame dwelling and all personal belongings burned in a fire in 1908. This family was blessed with eleven children as

follows: Gottlieb G., Ashley; Mrs. Richard (Kathryne) Wendland, Stockton, Calif.; Mrs. Jacob (Emma) Groszhans, Ashley; Mrs. Arthur (Ida) Pfeifle, Ashley; Mr. Jacob Iszler, Lehr, N. Dak. (married to Irene Merkel); Albert Iszler, Ellendale, N. Dak. (married to Adeline Miller); Otto Iszler, Rainier, Oregon (married to Bonnie Reynold); Mrs. Esther Goehring, San Francisco, Calif.; Mrs. Edna Dunsmore, San Francisco, Calif.; Mrs. Vivian Meidinger, Ashley, N. Dak.

Mrs. Iszler died in 1944 followed by their eldest child, Mrs. John (Marie) Weisz, who passed away in 1960 in Calif. where she and her family made their home.

Mr. Iszler resided on the farm with his son Gottlieb G. Iszler until 1949 when he retired and moved to Ashley to make his home with his daughter, Mrs. Vivian Meidinger, and her family, Cheryl and Deborah. Mr. Iszler has 37 grandchildren and 39 great grandchildren.

At present Mr. Iszler is a member of Zion Lutheran Church of Ashley. In his youth he was a charter member of Trinity Lutheran Church, a rural parish, which he had helped to construct and was active in the church as Deacon and Sunday School teacher for many years.



MRS. KATHARINA GROSS

Mrs. Katharina Gross, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Werre was born June 11, 1874 in Gluecksthal, South Russia.

In 1899 she was united in marriage to Johann Gross. In 1901, together with their two children, John and Katherine, they came to the United States, settling here in the city of Ashley. In 1904 they homesteaded three and a half miles southwest of Ashley.

Five more children were born to them, all living in this vicinity: Christian, Jacob, Anna, Edward and Arthur. The eldest son John, Jr., who lived in Dupree, South Dakota died in 1960.

In the fall of 1938 Mr. and Mrs. Gross retired from farming to make their home in Ashley. Mr. Gross passed away August 16, 1949.

Mrs. Gross, at present staying with her daughter Katherine, Mrs. Adam Kappes, has until recently been living alone although she is now eighty-eight years of age. She has a remarkably alert mind and boundless energy. Many a young woman would have found it difficult to keep up with Mrs. Gross in her industry and thrift in caring for her home and garden.

She has been a faithful member of the Zion Lutheran Church and also of the Mission Circle.

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When Russian rule became too oppressive for many of the German people who were living in Russia during the latter part of the nineteenth century, many decided to leave their established homes there to try their luck in exciting new America. Many had heard from relatives who had already made the venture—some journey across the Atlantic. What the already departed relatives had failed to mention was the new life that many of them had met in the vast country, we now know as North Dakota.

Among these pioneers who decided to move from Kassel, South Russia, to the wonderful land of opportunity and free land, were Johann and Magdelena (Bender) Meidinger. Their son, John R., was but one year old when this decision was made. They arrived in America in the year 1885, in the month of May. They must have been very favorably impressed by the country, as Dakota can be very beautiful during this month, with its soft winds, the new grass and wild flowers. They remained at Menno, South Dakota, until the following year when they moved to twelve miles north of Zeeland, North Dakota. Here they went through the procedure required in the Homestead Act to acquire the land on which to build a home. The home was built with much hard work and many privations. The family grew to include the following brothers and sisters for John: Christian, Friedrich, Adolph, Christina (Ketterling), Carolina, Katherina (Ketterling), and August (who died as an infant).

Some of the highlights in John's life make for rather interesting reading. No doubt some of his grandsons reading it now almost wish they were boys when he was little. One of the incidents often mentioned by him was the time their father went to the wooded areas across the Missouri River to get timbers to use as joists in the construction of the sod buildings, which were the first homes of the pioneer families in this area. This trip was made with a team of horses and took several days. When he returned he found his wife and children gone. Where could they have gone? He went to the neighbors and found not only his own family, but the families of several neighbors. Some one had picked up the rumor that the Indians were coming and since these people had no weapons or any idea as to how to protect themselves from Indian attack, they believed there was safety in numbers, at least, and had thus gathered together at the home of this neighbor. The Indians never materialized and the families went back to their homes and work.

The children found plenty to do in these early homes. When there were spare hours they would gather buffalo bones, which were taken to the nearest town and sold for \$1.50 per load. Once during a price war for this commodity, Ellendale was paying \$8.00 per load, but this was a rather prohibitive distance for most pioneers in this area, so they could only wish they were living closer to Ellendale. Once a year the father made the tedious trip to Bowdle, South Dakota, where he got flour and other provisions for the family. He was fortunate to own a team of horses to make this trip. Most of the other men had to make this trip with oxen, which was a good deal slower and harder.

As the children grew up and left home to be married and start homes of their own, John also homesteaded on land nine miles west of Wishek. In 1908 he married Lydia Meidinger at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. They lived on the established homestead for one year and then moved to land 12 miles north of Zeeland where they built their home, where they lived until the fall of 1945 when they purchased the Union State Bank building from Louis Rubin. While living on the farm north of Zeeland, they were very active in community affairs, helping establish the New Kassel Reformed Church of which they were charter members. Mr. Meidinger served on the school board of Frieda District for many years and their home was always open to the teacher who taught the school near there. Progressively minded, theirs was one of the first farms in the area with 32 volt electricity. Another first was purebred livestock and mechanized farming.

When they moved to Ashley, they made their home in one of the upstairs apartments of the building which also housed the Post Office and several other businesses. Mr. Meidinger passed away in August, 1961 and Mrs. Meidinger in December of the same year.

Their children are as follows: Ottilia, (Mrs. Otto Ketterling); Aaron, Isadore, Arthur, all farming in the area of the home place; Otto, living on the home established by the parents north of Zeeland; Ruben, Ellendale; Eva (Mrs. Albert Ketterling) and Adeline (Mrs. Matt Brandner), Wishek; Frieda (Mrs. Riney Bender), Britton, S. Dak.; Meda (Mrs. Harold Heupel) Eureka; and Loretta (Mrs. Don Newcomer), Pittsburgh, Penn.

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OTTO F. HINZ

Mr. Otto F. Hinz was born in Manchester, Wisconsin. His parents were Louis Hinz and Wilhelmina Hinz of Manchester, Wisconsin.

Mr. Hinz was born on the 2nd day of September, 1884. In the spring of 1905, he came to Zeeland, North Dakota at which place he was manager of a grain elevator for three years.

In 1908, he married Amanda C. Krenzler. They had three children; one died in infancy and one son, Harold, died at the age of 9 years, in the year 1926.

One son, Elmer W. Hinz lives in Ashley. He is married to Edna Kempf, and have one daughter, JoLane, age 16 years.

In 1909, Mr. Hinz and his wife moved onto a Homestead that he filed on. It was located 10 miles north of Richardton, North Dakota, where they lived for two years.

They then returned to Zeeland, North Dakota and there moved onto a farm two miles southwest of town and there farmed for 8 years.

In 1919, he was elected Register of Deeds of McIntosh County, which office he held for 8 years.

He then engaged in farming with his son Elmer on jointly owned land. He is still farming at the present time.

Mr. and Mrs. Hinz still are living in the same house in Ashley that he bought in 1919.



DAVID REUTHER

Mr. David Reuther was born on September 14, 1902, about sixteen miles Northeast of Ashley, North Dakota.

Mrs. David Reuther was born on May 28, 1907 on a farm eleven miles Northeast of Ashley, North Dakota.

Two children were born to this union. Laurence, married to Lily Merkel, and Violet, who is now Mrs. Marvin Knopp.

The Reuthers have three grandchildren.

From 1927 to 1930, the Reuthers lived and farmed on land belonging to her father, Mr. Jacob Bendewald. They moved to the Andrew Sackmann farm and lived there for eighteen years.

They then bought a farm from Dan Patzer consisting of 800 acres, and bought a house in Ashley in 1948, and lived here ever since.

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CHRISTIAN GROSS

Christian Gross was born on November 7, 1903 in the city of Ashley. Mr. Gross is the son of the late Mr. Johann Gross and his wife, Katharina, who is still living at the age of 88 years.

At the age of one, his father homesteaded $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles southwest of Ashley where Mr. Gross grew to manhood. Mr. Gross recalls his parents' one-room house with a dirt floor. He attended a rural school. In the fall of 1925, he was united in marriage to Ida Bender, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Bender. The marriage service was performed by Rev. Leo L. Sprattler. They are members of the Zion Lutheran Church of Ashley.

They purchased a farm 1 mile southwest of his father's homestead, and added more land later. In the fall of 1957, they moved to the city of Ashley.

His son, Leonard, who is married, occupied part of the farm. A daughter, Gladys, is married to Walter O. Weisser, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Mr. Gross is still active in farming and other public civic affairs. He has served on the board of education of Lowell School District for many years, Sunday school teacher, Committeeman for ASC for numerous years, and is at the present time associated with the grain loan program and Assistant County Supervisor.



MR. AND MRS. JAKOB F. MAIER

Native born pioneers of McIntosh County are Mr. and Mrs. Jakob F. Maier. Mr. Maier, a son of Johannes Maier, was born May 26, 1893 on his father's farm 12 miles east of Ashley, N. Dak. Mrs. Maier, the former Lydia Nitschke, daughter of Mathias Nitschke, was born August 22, 1892 on her father's farm 8 miles southwest of Ashley. They both grew up on the farm and were united in marriage on February 4, 1915 by Rev. H. L. Lechner.

After Mr. and Mrs. Maier were married they settled on a farm 10 miles northeast of Ashley, remaining there for 13 years. While on the farm they became the parents of three children, namely, Ida, born in 1916, now Mrs. Adolph Schumacher; Erwin, born in 1920, living in Amery, Wisconsin; Albert, born in 1925, the postmaster of Ashley.

Mr. and Mrs. Maier moved to Ashley in the year 1928. For many years Mr. Maier kept busy with trucking, carpentering, and custom threshing. In 1947, Mr. Maier, together with his son Albert, and son-in-law Adolph Schumacher, purchased the Henry Schulz Garage. The three were actively engaged in the Minneapolis Moline Implement and Buick automobile business for the next 10 years. In 1957 Mr. Maier and his son Albert sold their share of the business to Adolph Schumacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Maier are now retired and still reside in the city of Ashley. They are members of the Zion Lutheran Church.

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MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL DREFS

Samuel Drefs, a young man of 21 years, heard considerable about the advantages and the opportunities being offered in America. So he decided to come to this country, "the new land", as it was called, to seek his fortune.

He was born November 15, 1891 in Mitschune-Bessarabia, South Russia. Leaving Russia on May 30, 1913, he arrived at Fredonia, North Dakota July 4, 1913 a trip which will never be forgotten. Started working on a farm near Fredonia and later on a farm 2 miles south of Kulm, as well as a farm 2 miles east of Merricourt, N. Dak. during 1914.

On January 3, 1915 he was united in marriage to Anna Maria Geiszler, a daughter of Andreas Geiszler. Service was read by Pastor H. L. Woelber of the St. Johns Lutheran Church to which faith Mr. & Mrs. Drefs always subscribed.

Mrs. Drefs was born June 10, 1893 on a farm 12 miles south east of Ashley in Jewell District.

Mr. & Mrs. Drefs made their home on a farm 9 miles east and 3 miles south of Ashley and continued farming there until 1948 when they retired, making their home in Ashley.

Mr. Drefs was active in church work as well as other community activities, being treasurer of Jewell school district for many years.

A son, Oscar E. Drefs, was born July 7, 1917 and with his wife Esther, nee Harter, is operating the farm at the present time.



GEORGE AND KATHARINA GLUR


George Glur was born on May 26th, 1890 in Nimburg, Germany. His parents were Johann George and Sofia Glur. When Mr. Glur was 23 years old, Karl Baumann Sr. came back from America to visit his mother and family and it was at that time that Mr. Baumann inspired Mr. Glur to come back to America with him. The ship set sail on December 13, 1913 and arrived in the U.S.A. on December 28, 1913. Karl Baumann, Sr. has a brother Wilhelm, who is a brother-in-law of Mr. Glur.

Upon arriving in America, Mr. Glur stayed at the Karl Baumann, Sr. home for two weeks. Then Mr. Glur went to work for John Feil, living two miles north of Venturia. The work consisted of general farm work. He worked for Mr. Feil for three years and then went to Montana to work for some time. He also took up a homestead 43 miles north of Ingomar, Montana.

In 1918, John Feil and his eldest daughter died after contracting the flu. They were both buried in the same grave. On March 29th, 1919, Mr. Glur married Katharina Feil, born Huether. Her parents were Paul and Katharina Huether. She was born on January 24, 1883 in Newsatz, South Russia. They then moved to Ashley where Mr. Glur worked in the livery stable. Then in the same year of 1919 they moved back to the farm which Mrs. Glur's deceased husband formerly owned. They continued farming for another nine years and then in 1928 they purchased the Andy Weber meat market. Reinie Feil took over the business later and now owns and operates the same type of business on a larger scale.

Mr. Glur, who now has worked approximately 34 years in this capacity, has butchered many cattle, split many quarters of beef, done custom killing, and above all is known far and wide for his home made ring bologna. Besides making bologna, he also makes liver sausage, summer sausage, head cheese and pork sausage. This sausage has been shipped to all parts of the U.S.A. By the time of the Jubilee, Mr. Glur will have made over one million pounds of bologna. Mr. Glur is presently 73 years old, is working full time and is enjoying fairly good health.

Living today are three children born to Katharina and John Feil — Reinhold of Ashley, Otto of Lodi, California, and Edna Gross, living in rural Ashley. Born to George and Katharina Glur are two sons, Eddie and Carl, both living at Ashley.



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EDWIN A. BOSCHEE

FARMER

Born in McIntosh County 16 miles northeast of Zeeland, North Dakota on November 5, 1901. This was the farm his grandfather, Valentine Boschee, homesteaded in 1885. Edwin is the son of Adolph and Christine (Krein) Boschee. Adolph Boschee came to America with his father in 1884 as a lad of 8 years and came to McIntosh County the following year.

In 1904 he moved to Zeeland with his parents where he attended public school and worked in his father's store. In 1917 he started farming with his father.

On November 4, 1923, Edwin A. Boschee was united in marriage to Linda Ochsner (born June 26, 1902). They farmed 3 miles west of Zeeland in Emmons County. In 1925, they moved onto a farm 2 miles west of Zeeland where they reared five children:

Blanch (Mrs. H. A. Hartman), Baltic, Ohio

Virginia (Mrs. A. C. Helleksen), Mound, Minnesota

Deanna (Mrs. Delmar Kemmet), Austin, Minnesota

Stanley and Charles, Zeeland, North Dakota

The latter two farm in partnership with their father.

In 1939, Edwin Boschee bought half interest in the

Boschee Garage and Implement, along with his brother August Boschee in Zeeland, but remained on his farm. Later, in 1941, the Boschees moved to the west edge of Zeeland where today they are still residing. In 1946 he sold his share of the implement business, and at the present time is in partnership with his two sons, Stanley and Charles, raising cattle and grain farming. Mr. Boschee has a feedlot on the west edge of Zeeland, two farms two miles west of Zeeland, and another feedlot on the farm. He started fattening cattle during 1931-1933 (during the drought). He had to give it up until more feed was available. Since then, cattle and grain farming has been his main occupation.

Edwin A. Boschee was a member of the Board of Electors of the Linton Production Credit Association in Linton, North Dakota from 1933-1939; member of the farm A.A.A. Committee from 1933-1937; a McIntosh County 3rd District Assessor from 1939-1940; member of the board of directors of Farm Home Administration from 1942-1947; and a member of the County Welfare Board from 1944-1948.

He was also a member of the Zeeland Fire Department; the City Band; a Trustee and Sunday School teacher of St. John's Reformed church (1933-1935); and at present is serving as County Commissioner of McIntosh County ever since 1949. His father, Adolph Boschee, was also a McIntosh County Commissioner from 1929-1932.



MR. AND MRS. MELVIN BAUMANN

Mr. Baumann was born on June 2, 1928, a son of Oscar Baumann and Emelia (Kempf) in McIntosh County, Ashley, N. Dak. He was baptized by Rev. George L. Sprattler. On March 29, 1942 he was confirmed in the Lutheran faith by Rev. J. C. Jung. He attended farm school and graduated from the Ashley High School in 1946.

On September 25, 1946 he married Marcella Mayer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob J. Mayer of Ashley. They became the parents of four children, Merrill Baumann (deceased) Yvonne, Rodney, and Jason Baumann. Mr. Baumann taught rural school for one year, was employed at the Ashley Creamery for ten years, was in the produce business for four years in the city of Ashley and at present is the Sheriff of McIntosh County.

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MR. and MRS. EMANUEL WEISENBURGER

Emanuel Weisenburger, son of Franz and Maria Weisenburger, nee Pfeifle, was born fourteen miles northeast of Eureka, S. Dak. in McPherson County, on May 19, 1892.

On March 15, 1915 he was united in the holy bonds of matrimony with Miss Thusnilda Klaudt, the daughter of John and Jacobena Klaudt, nee Matties, born August 6, 1894, also in McPherson County near Eureka, S. Dak.

The young couple began their pioneering in 1915 on the homestead. Their house was built partly of wood and partly of sod. The floors were cleaned with lime and polished by hand with water to form a shine. Eureka was their closest town to which they traveled by horse and buggy for their provisions. They remember traveling as far as Lehr, by horse and buggy, with their two oldest children. Mr. and Mrs. Weisenburger farmed until their retirement in the fall of 1947, when they moved to Ashley, where they built a home, in which they are residing at the present time.

To this union ten children were born. One daughter died at the age of two.

The living children are: Nathaniel, living on the homestead; Mrs. Vernon (Lillian) Levos, Chaffee, N. Dak.; Mrs. Christoph (Louise) Dockter, Danzig, N. Dak.; Theodore, Greenway, S. Dak.; Eugene, Leola, S. Dak.; Mrs. Walter (Leona) Bertsch, Eureka, S. Dak.; Mrs. Theophil (Ruth) Tesky, Westminster, Colorado; Mrs. Harold (Gladys) Wittmayer, Fredonia, N. Dak.; and Lloyd, LeSueur, Minnesota.

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MR. AND MRS. OTTO J. WALZ

Otto J. Walz, a son of Gottlieb Walz and Katharine (nee Becker), was born March 21, 1896 in Jewell District in McIntosh County approximately 11 miles southeast of Ashley. His wife, Paulina Walz, a daughter of John Harter and Barbara (nee Nitschke), was born July 20, 1919 in Myrtle District in McIntosh County. They were married November 23, 1919 by the Rev. P. Briest.

Mr. Walz's father died in 1916 and after his death the farm was operated by the widow and the children until the spring of 1920 when she moved to Ashley. Mr. and Mrs. Walz then took over management of the farm and operated it continuously until the fall of 1960 when they retired and moved to Ashley.

They are members of the Zion Lutheran Church at Ashley.

There were 5 children born to the marriage, two of whom died in infancy.

Violet, born May 27, 1922, married Enoch Schaeffer. They presently live in Leola and have two children.

Vivian, born August 8, 1928, married Jacob Kulm. They live in Lodi and have one child.

Donna Mae, born January 10, 1936, married Curtis Wahl. They live in Fargo and have two children.

Mr. Walz recalls the drought years in the 30's, dust storms, poor crops and poor prices, and is happy this country has enjoyed many prosperous years since that time.



FREDERICK DEWALD

Frederick Dewald was born August 22, 1895 in McIntosh County. On May 25, 1920 he married Christina Pfeifle, a daughter of Konrad Pfeifle, in the Zion Lutheran Church at Ashley. On May 24, 1918 he was called to service and was overseas for 9 months in France and Germany. He was discharged on May 18, 1919.

Mrs. Christina Dewald was born October 3, 1900 in McPherson County. Mr. and Mrs. Dewald were blessed with 3 children, one daughter who died in infancy, and two sons: Reuben W. Dewald who married Irene Merkel and who presently lives on the farm homestead; Oliver F. Dewald who married Rosalie Kruger of Waverly, Iowa. Oliver was ordained into the ministry July 30, 1961 and is presently pastor at Mercer, North Dakota. Oliver and Rosalie have two children, Arlene Dianne, and Daneal David.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewald moved from their farm to Ashley on December 8, 1947, where he took a position as janitor at the Courthouse and worked there for over 10 years. He retired in July, 1962. They are members of the Zion Lutheran Church of Ashley.

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JOHN A. AND LYDIA GEORGE

John A. George was born December 24, 1901, on a farm near Lehr, a son of Jacob H. George and wife, Mathilda, nee Blokowski. On March 28, 1926, he exchanged marriage vows with Lydia Zimmerman, daughter of Konrad and Christina Zimmerman. The Zimmermans, as well as the Georges, farmed south of Lehr. Lydia was born in Friedenstal, South Russia, on September 11, 1902.

For a number of years they lived in Danzig, North Dakota, where Mr. George managed the Danzig Hardware and Implement Company. For 20 years prior to his death, Mr. George was part owner and manager of the Ashley Implement Company. He had been a member of the Ashley Lions Club for a number of years, and was a member of the IOOF of which he was serving as Noble Grand at the time of his death, April 24, 1961. Mr. George was a member of the First Baptist Church of Ashley, as is Mrs. George. He was also McIntosh County Democratic Chairman for a number of years.

As a young man he enlisted in the Army in November of 1922 and served to November, 1925. Part of his enlistment was spent in the Philippines and in Japan. His unit was one of the first to give aid to victims of the great Japanese earthquake in 1923.

Besides his wife he is survived by two children, Clarence and Sylvia.

Clarence, born January 9, 1927, is married to Peggy Buechler of Goodrich, North Dakota. He is a graduate of the North Dakota State University at Fargo, and is presently pharmacist and owner of a drug store at Fairmount, North Dakota. They have three children, Connie, Steven and Michael.

Sylvia, born June 26, 1928, is married to Arthur Hildenbrand of Ashley, formerly manager of Thompson Yards at Ashley and now manager of Cobland Lumber Yard at Portland, Oregon. They have two children: Carmen and Carlotta, twin girls.

Brothers and sisters of John A. George are: Walter, McMinnville, Oregon; Sam, Portland, Oregon; Mrs. Pete (Martha) Ames, Valier, Montana; Mrs. Ed (Alma) Werre, Monango,

North Dakota; Kay Haigh, Beach, North Dakota; Mrs. Archie (Pauline) Hutchinson, Redwood City, California; Harold, Palm Springs, California; and Violet George, Lodi, California.

Mrs. Lydia George has six brothers: Gideon, a Baptist minister in Chicago; Ben, a Baptist minister at Madison, South Dakota; Fred and John at Jamestown, North Dakota; Arthur at Marion, North Dakota; Gotthilf at Ashley.



MR. AND MRS. EDWIN HAUPT

Edwin Haupt, son of August Haupt and Magdalena Haupt nee Hanneld, was born April 13, 1913 on a farm east of Venturia, where he also grew to manhood. On September 23, 1934 he was married to Emma M. Kraemer, daughter of John C. Kraemer and wife nee Margarethea Weber of Ashley, North Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. Haupt farmed near Venturia until 1958 when Mr. Haupt was elected Register of Deeds of McIntosh County, which office he still holds.

They are the parents of three children, Roger, Dennis and Carol. Roger, after graduating from Ashley High School in 1954, attended the State School of Science at Wahpeton, where he enrolled in a business course. He was thereafter employed as a salesman for Gamble-Robinson Co. in Bismarck. On October 13, 1957 he married Jean Schaeffer. They now reside on their farm three and one half miles east of Ashley. They have one daughter, Jodi Ann, born April 17, 1962.

Dennis, graduated from Ashley High School in 1956. He attended a telegraphy school in Minneapolis, and worked as a telegrapher for several years. He also was employed by the Equitable Insurance Company in Fargo. On September 23, 1962 he married Judy Bendewald. They now reside on their farm near Venturia, previously owned by his parents.

Carol, still at home, is a senior at Ashley High School this year and will graduate in May, 1963. Her future plans are indefinite.



GOTTHILF HERBERG

Gotthilf Herberg was born October, 1898 in the village of New Posttal in the Province of Bessarabia, South Russia.

"I grew up there and at the age of 18 was drafted into the Czar's army in World War I. The Russians were fighting at that time against Germany, Austro-Hungary and Turkey. In March of 1917 the Czar was de-throned and the Bolshevik's took over. All soldiers of German descent were sent to the Caucasus. The Turks had retreated to Armenia where we could see the mountains of Ararat. As you know, at the time of the Great Deluge, God used water to destroy man, woman and beast. This same water that drowned many people carried Noah's Ark safely to the top of Ararat. It was surely amazing to see those big mountains for days.

"In February 1918, Bessarabia was taken away and occupied by the Rumanian army. It happened that I was home for a leave at the time so my military service came to a sudden end.

"In August 1922, with a Rumanian passport, I was trying to cross the Atlantic. At the American Consulate in Berlin, Germany, I was told that Bessarabia was a Russian territory at the time of my birth; so I came systematically under the Russian immigration quota and had to wait for a whole year.

"In November 1923, I landed on Ellis Island, N. Y. Here I was kept for 14 days under quarantine. Shortly before Christmas I arrived at my brother's farm at Merricourt, North Dakota. In 1924 I worked as a farm laborer for brother August Herberg and in 1925 for Cousin Sam Drefs. My wife, Dorothea Geiszler Herberg, daughter of the deceased Andreas and Barbara Geiszler, was born June, 1902 in Jewell District, 12 miles southeast of Ashley. She was raised on her parents' farm to womanhood."

Gotthilf and Dorothea were married November 1925 and settled on a farm six miles southeast of Ashley. They were on the farm until October 1947 when they bought the Edwin Spitzer house and moved to town.

The Herbergs have one daughter, Vera, who is married to Floyd Dominick. They were married in 1947 and live in Jamestown, North Dakota, where Floyd is employed at the airport for the Government Department of Commerce. They have two children, Larry and Debbie Dominick.



MR. AND MRS. MARTIN SACKMANN

Martin Sackmann, son of Andreas and Karolina (nee Schlabsz) Sackmann, was born February 6, 1901 in McIntosh County. His parents came from Wittenberg, South Russia, June 1891, and homesteaded in Jewell District southeast of Ashley until 1910 when they moved to Ashley where he operated a shoe and harness repair shop. Because of failing eyesight he retired in 1923. Andreas Sackmann died June 1925 and Karolina Sackmann died October 1931.

Martin Sackmann lived with his parents until 1910 after which most of his time was spent working on the farm with his brothers, John and Andreas. In April 1922 he was united in marriage to Christina Maier, born February 13, 1902, daughter of Johannes and Sarah (nee Rempfer) Maier. They built up their farm ten miles east and three-quarter mile south of Ashley. He began farming with six horses, a plow, small drag, single disc harrow and a grain drill. Equipment being scarce, haying and harvesting was done in cooperation with brother Andreas for two or three years. In time he acquired more land and machinery, and although they experienced the hardships of the 1930's, they were able to operate their farm successfully. Their daughter and son-in-law lived on the farm with them from 1946 to 1948. They were members of the Peace Lutheran Church where Mr. Sackmann served as deacon, trustee and church treasurer for several years. He was also school director.

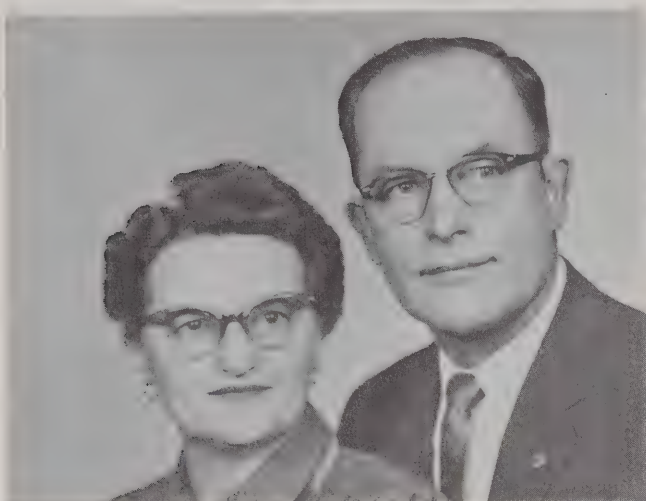
In the spring of 1948 they started to build a home in Ashley and moved to town in the fall of that same year. In January 1949, Mr. Sackmann and his son, Lorenz, became engaged in the Case farm implement business under the name of Sackmann Sales and Service which they are still operating.

The Sackmanns have two children, namely: Lorenz, born January 18, 1923, was married November 11, 1945 to Elsie Bender and reside in Ashley. They have one child, Peggy.

LaVina, born August 5, 1925, was married October 20, 1946, to Reinhold Hochhalter, and are residing on the farm of her parents near Ashley. They have two children, Kenneth and Keith.

Mr. and Mrs. Sackmann are members of the Zion Lutheran Church of Ashley.

ANDREW H. KESSEL



Andrew H. Kessel, the eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Kessel, was born Dec. 28, 1905 on a farm seven miles east of Ashley. The early years were spent on the farm with his parents. In the fall of 1917, he with the family moved to Ashley, attending school and graduated from high school in 1927. In the fall of 1927 his dad, Gottlieb Kessel, bought the general store from Gottlieb Becker, where he started his business career, operating the store. In the spring of 1928 Gottlieb Kessel bought Fred Fink's interest of Kessel & Fink and in turn Fred Fink bought the store. So A. H. Kessel joined Gottlieb Kessel in the implement business and has been in the same business since.

June 24, 1934 he was married to Theresa Bender by Rev. J. C. Jung.

Children born to Mr. and Mrs. Kessel are: Cynthia, employed at New York City; Glenn, in the navy at Long Beach, Calif.; Harvey, attending the University at Grand Forks.

Mr. Kessel has taken an active interest in the civic welfare of Ashley. He was a member of the school board for six years, a trustee and deacon of the Lutheran Church, a member of the Fire Dept. since 1928, and of the Lions Club since 1940, and a member of the Hospital Board since it was organized in 1947.

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MR. AND MRS. FRED J. HOFFMAN



Fred J. Hoffman was born in 1896, in McIntosh County. He was reared on a farm near Coldwater. In 1917, he was married to Emelia Schweigert, to which union three sons and two daughters were born, all of whom are still living. In 1919 they moved to Ashley where Mr. Hoffman was engaged in Dray-line business, well drilling, and trucking. In 1936 he took over the management of the Deep Rock Service station and operated it until 1955, when he sold this business to his son Lawrence. He then became a Watkins salesman for four years.

Mr. Hoffman was a member of the Ashley Volunteer Fire Department for 23 years. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman are members of Zion Lutheran Church. Mrs. Hoffman has served the Ladies Aid of the Church since 1930 and is an honorary member of this organization.

FRED G. MAIER

Mr. Fred G. Maier was born January 8, 1904 in Jewell District, in McIntosh County. He grew up on his parents' farm 12 miles east of Ashley. In 1929 he married Anna Marie Hoffmann and lived one mile south of his father's farm. This used to be Christ Hein's farm and later owned by his son, John Hein. The Maiers farmed until 1952, when they moved to Ashley. Here Mr. Maier has worked as a carpenter, and Mrs. Maier worked in the Ashley hospital for some time. Later they bought the motel from Fred J. Hoffman who is an uncle of Mrs. Maier. Mr. and Mrs. Maier are presently operating a motel of 18 units which is the only motel in Ashley at the present time.

The Maiers have two daughters, Mrs. Roland Nies and Mrs. S. P. Harrison.

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MEIDINGER FAMILY

Written by J. A. Meidinger



CHILDREN OF ADAM MEIDINGER JR.

Back row, left to right: Adam A.; Jacob A., still living; Andrew W.; and John W. Seated, left to right: Eva; father, Adam Jr.; Christina, still living; and Katherina.

Adam Meidinger Sr. was born in 1820 in Kassel, Germany, the son of Lenhard Meidinger. When Adam was seven years old the family moved to Russia. The reason for this move was that the Czar of Russia had offered land to new settlers and urged good farmers to come and teach the Russians how to farm. In 1840 or '41 Adam Sr. married Katherina Reich, to which union the following children were born: Eva in 1842, Adam Jr. in 1846, Gottlieb in 1854, Christina in 1860, Christoph in 1844, Jacob in 1848, and John in 1858.

Czar Nicholas ruled with an "Iron Hand" which caused discontent and unrest among the people, so many people began to leave for America. Among them was the son Gottlieb and his wife, Barbara Mayer, who came to Dakota Territory in 1885. They settled in Menno, South Dakota until his two brothers and one sister and their families came in 1886. The brothers were Adam Jr. and his wife, Fredericka Miller; Jacob and his wife, Rose Miller; and Christina who married Christoph Rott. These families, plus other friends, loaded their possessions and went to Ipswich, South Dakota, the end of the rail line. The rest of the trip was made by covered wagon. They arrived at Hoskins on May 10, 1886 and were told to contact John H. Wishek who would help them find a place to homestead. They decided to locate in Antelope Valley, about 18 miles northeast of the present site of Ashley. The settlement was known as the "Meidinger Settlement."

In 1887, the father, Adam Sr., and his wife and their son John, married to Magdelina Schnible, came to live near the rest of the family. The father was 67 years old when he came. In 1888, Christoph, married to Christina Meyer, came and that left their eldest sister, Eva, in Russia who was married to Adam Kurtz, the only one of the family that remained behind. Many years later a great grandson, Jacob Diede, married to Caroline Schulzman, came to live in the U.S.A. They are located at Deadwood, South Dakota.

The Meidinger families all went through all the hardships of early pioneers with crop failures from drought, heat, or hail, very cold and long winters, and much hard work. They endured all this and more to make better living conditions for their children. In the early days many times the only source of income was the gathering of buffalo bones and taking them to Ellendale, a distance of about 50 miles, which took four or five days without any mishaps and exchanging the bones for provisions.

The Meidingers were a very religious group. On Sundays they and the neighbors met at the Adam Jr. home, as his house was the largest, and had church services there. In 1888 the men saw the need of a church building so they organized and built the Berlin Baptist Church.

Adam Meidinger Jr., the father of the writer, Jacob A. Meidinger, served as county commissioner of the First District and in 1909 was a representative to the North Dakota Legislature. Adam and his wife had eight children, two of whom are still living — namely Jacob and a sister, Christina. The children were Eva, married to Jacob Ohlhauser who moved to Carbon, Alberta, Canada; Katherina, married to John Wolf; Adam A., married to Elizabeth Miller. Adam A. stayed on the old homestead until his son was old enough to farm, when they moved to Ashley; Christine married John Neher and after his death married C. C. Perman. He died too, so she is living with her children in Carbon, Canada; Fredericka, married Jacob Buyer and lived near Carbon until her death; Andrew married Fredericka Nagel. He was in the general merchandise business at Ashley until he was elected County Judge of McIntosh County; John W. married Beth Mensing. He served in World War I for 14 months, then was assistant cashier of the bank from 1913 — first at Zeeland, then Wishek, then at Ashley. Jacob A. was four years old when his parents brought him to this new land. He grew to manhood on the "Meidinger Settlement," and remembers clearly the pioneer days, and the dangers and hardships that his parents and neighbors endured.

When old enough Jacob A. filed on a homestead. His father and he bought the Hellwig Store in the Settlement and also served as postmaster. Later this store was sold and they bought the Dockter Mercantile Store in Ashley. This store was called A. Meidinger and Son. In 1920 it was sold to the brother Andrew, or A. W. Meidinger as he was known. From 1917 to 1921, Jacob was the McIntosh County Treasurer, and in 1921 he bought an interest in the Ashley Farmers Implement Company. In 1929-30 he was a Representative in the Legislature.

In 1904, Jacob A. married Fredericka Neher, who died in 1912, leaving three small children. He married Elizabeth Neher. To them were born three sons. In 1930 Elizabeth died, and he moved to Lodi, California and married Mrs. Katharina Neher Ehnis, who also died. While in Lodi he operated a service station for many years. After 30 years he came to live at Ashley with his daughter and to be with old friends. At present, at the age of 81, he lives at the Baptist Home at Bismarck and is enjoying himself. He has always worked with people, so cannot sit by, but must make friends and help cheer where he can.

Meidinger Family — cont'd



J. A. Meidinger

The names and addresses of his children are: Arthur H. who lived in Peoria, Illinois until his death February 20, 1963; Alma, now Mrs. Wm. Baumann, Ashley; Otto, of San Jose, California; Ervin, of Citrus Heights, California; and Delaine of Sacramento, California. Mr. Meidinger has 13 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

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MR. AND MRS. JOHN A. HOFF

John A. Hoff, a son of Andrew and Margaret Knoll Hoff, was born June 5, 1899 in McPherson County near Long Lake, South Dakota. In 1907 his parents moved to a farm near Venturia, where he grew to manhood. In 1920 his parents retired from the farm and moved to Venturia. That same year on November 2, John Hoff and Esther Haas were united in marriage by the Rev. John Reicherd in the Venturia Baptist Church. She was born November 29, 1899, a daughter of George and Katherina Haas of rural Venturia.

After their marriage, the Hoff's engaged in farming, raising grain and registered livestock. But as Mr. Hoff says, "It was not all roses; there were good days and bad days, showers of blessings and also clouds of dust." They worked hand in hand and established a happy home.

They are the parents of the following children: Harvey, born September 9, 1922, married Helen Wohl. They have three children and live on a farm near Venturia; LaVerne, born June 27, 1927, married Ethel Anderson, and have two children. He is a driver for Jefferson Bus Lines of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Marcella, born May 15, 1929, married Henry Hoffman. They have two children and live on a farm between Venturia and Zeeland; Arlene, born August 29, 1932, is a cashier at Harolds Style Shoppe in Minneapolis, Minnesota; Joyan, born July 29, 1935, married Wallie Carlson. They have one child. He is a street engineer in Minneapolis; Mildred, born October 18, 1938, married Jack Baumgartner. They have one child. Both are teaching in Dufur, Oregon.

The John J. Hoff's decided that it was time to retire in 1960, so they purchased a home and moved to the City of Ashley.

MRS. W. L. (MILLIE) JOHNSON



Almost an institution in Ashley over many years is Mrs. W. L. (Mildred) Johnson. Known as "Millie" by young and old, the familiarity is a tribute to the affection she is held in by all who know her.

Mrs. Johnson was born in Whitehall, Wisconsin, August 26, 1887, one of eight children of Adam R. and Ella Woolsey Warren. She came to Ashley in 1910 to teach school and here met Wilbur L. Johnson whom she married on December 29, 1910.

Wilbur Johnson was born at Hoskins, November 28, 1887, and was the first white child born there. He died March 6, 1949.

The Johnsons had three children:

Clair W. Johnson, born July 5, 1914, was married to Leone Powell and they have three children, Carolyn Ann, Alan C. and Craig W. They reside in Washington, D. C., where Clair is an editor and executive of the news magazine "U. S. News and World Report."

Their daughter, Mary, was born February 3, 1917, and married Olaf A. Iverson. Mr. Iverson is the owner of a drug store at Cass Lake, Minnesota. They have three children: Carl, Marie and Ruth.

Louisa Helen Johnson, born October 8, 1920, died in infancy.

Wilbur Johnson played an active part in the business and civic life of the community from pioneer days to his death. He was the leader of the Boy Scouts for many years. A full biography is found on page 112 of the 1938 Jubilee Book.

Millie Johnson also has spent a full and active life in the community since coming to Ashley. She was a steady, consistent worker and advisor in practically all of the women's organizations of the city. As postmaster at Ashley from 1933 to 1957, she became a force in the business life of the city. The position of postmaster had been regarded as a man's work. That Mrs. Johnson for many years in the position gave efficient and impartial service to all patrons is well attested to by the

general esteem and high regard she still enjoys. It is not generally known, but it should be noted here that Mrs. Johnson did a major part in the biographies and stories in the 1938 Jubilee Book.

For many years Mrs. Johnson was the leader of a Girl Scout group. She has always been interested in young people and has devoted many years to working with and developing their interest. Mrs. Johnson was for many years the head of the local Red Cross chapter, a position which at times was exacting.

Mrs. Johnson still lives in the home in Ashley built by her husband following their marriage. She keeps busy working in the home and with her collection of salt and pepper shakers. This hobby has been followed by Mrs. Johnson during all of her married life. The collection is extensive and has become valuable, especially as many of the older pieces have become collector's items.

Millie is as modern as tomorrow, drives her car, and has made a trip to Washington, D.C. by air, but is "old fashioned" enough to think that the multiplication tables should be included in the grade school curriculum.

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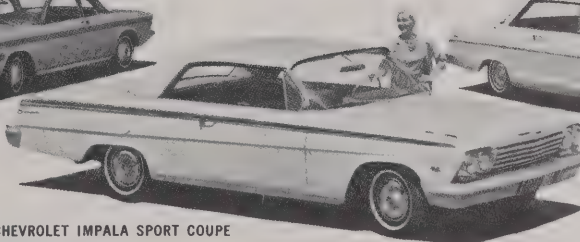


Reading from left to right — Robert Pfeifle, Gottlieb Thurn, Wilma Stugelmayer, Chris Maier, Stanley Dobler, Dennis Quashnick.

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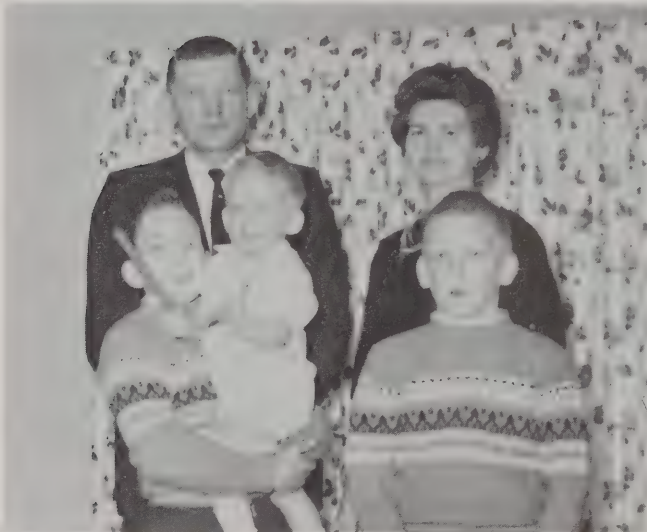


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GOTTLIEB L. SACKMANN



The original patent granted on this homestead was to Jacob Brosz, Sr. in 1898. After that, deeds were given to various persons including: Friedrich Brosz in 1899, Christian Sperle in 1900, Daniel Bartel in 1902 and Andreas Geiszler in 1907.

On December 31, 1910, Andreas Sackmann acquired the farm from Andreas Geiszler. In the year 1919 on January 21, the late John J. Sackmann bought the farm from his father. The present owner is G. L. Sackmann, a son of John J. Sackmann.

This farm is located six and one half miles east of Ashley on the SW Quarter of Sec. 31-130-68. None of the original buildings were built by Mr. Sackmann's father. Recent additions are a new steel grain bin and a steel machine shed completed in 1963. The first floor of the house has been completely remodeled over the past few years with modern conveniences such as running water, sewage disposal and oil furnace added.

This unit consists of 1160 acres of which 520 acres are cropland. Shelter belts totaling about 4 acres have been planted since 1959. Soil conservation practices such as summer fallow, plowing alfalfa down and stubble mulch are performed every year.

Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb L. Sackmann were married on October 24, 1948. Mrs. Sackmann is the former Olga Dobler, a daughter of John and Carolina Dobler, nee Schnaible. Mrs. Sackmann is a 1946 graduate of the Ashley High School. They have three children, Clair John, born December 26, 1949. He is in the eighth grade. Marlowe James, born October 22, 1953 is in the fourth grade. Clair and Marlowe attend the Ashley Public Schools. Robert Jayson was born July 3, 1961.

The family are members of the rural Peace Lutheran Church where Mr. Sackmann is treasurer and has been for several years. Mrs. Sackmann is president of the Peace ALCW, and Clair is the Sunday School organist.

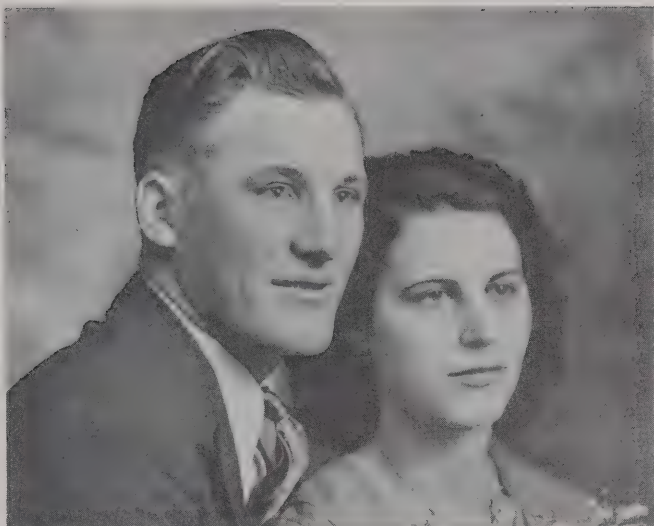
Mr. Sackmann served the armed forces from December 17, 1942 until September 9, 1945. Most of this time was spent in the European Theatre of Operations with the 341st Engr. Regt. which participated in the Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe Campaigns. At the time of his honorable discharge, he held the rank of Tech. 5th.

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MR. AND MRS. GIDEON DOBLER

Gideon G. Dobler was born May 4, 1910. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Dobler whose homestead, where Gideon was born, was five and one-half miles southwest of Venturia.

On February 21, 1933 he married Magdalena Blumhardt whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Blumhardt, farmed four miles west of Venturia.

The young Doblars began farming one-half mile south of Venturia. These were the years of the great drought and farm incomes were very small. Mr. Dobler operated a confectionery store in Venturia and drove a gravel truck for the W.P.A. during these years.

In 1937 the Doblars moved to West Fargo, where Mr. Dobler operated a beer parlor and restaurant for a year. From then on until 1941 he was employed by Armour and Company of West Fargo.

In 1941 Mr. Dobler bought a farm near Gardner, North Dakota. It is interesting to note how real estate values have been steadily increasing in North Dakota. Mr. Dobler purchased this 360-acre farm for \$28.00 an acre in 1941 and sold it for \$89.50 an acre in 1947.

After the sale of their farm at Gardner, the Doblars moved to Ashley where Mr. Dobler bought the livestock sales barn from Otto and Christ Rott for the sum of \$10,500.00. The Rott brothers had built the barn in 1943 on the western outskirts of Ashley.

On January 1, 1948 Mr. Dobler, as owner and manager, began the operation of the barn which had a business volume of \$462,000.00. This volume was brought up to \$3,000,000.00 by the end of 1962.

In 1951 Mr. Dobler bought the Herreid Sales Barn for \$22,000.00 and sold it to Alvin Saylor the next year. In 1955 he bought a section of land near Barnard, South Dakota for \$12,000.00. He farmed this land for five years and then leased it to the Soil Bank for \$5,000.00 a year for a period of ten years.

In 1959 Mr. Dobler built a new sales barn for \$41,000.00 at Napoleon, North Dakota, and sold it in 1961 to Ed Christman. In 1960 he bought the Mobridge Sales Barn for \$85,000.00 and in 1961 sold it to Harry Hettich. From 1961 to 1962 he leased the sales barn at Hankinson, North Dakota.

In 1960 Mr. Dobler built a new sales barn two miles west of Ashley, and the next year he bought the Stockmen's Sales Barn at Ellendale, North Dakota.

Mr. Dobler was a member of the Ashley School Board from 1950 until 1962. From 1959-61 he was a trustee of the Zion Lutheran Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Dobler are the parents of nine children: Karen, born in 1942, is presently employed as a nurses aide at the Ashley Hospital; Keith, born in 1944, is in the Navy stationed at San Diego, California; Janet, born in 1945, is a senior at Ashley High School and plans to begin nurses training in a Fargo hospital this fall; Sandra, born in 1948; Dawn, born in 1949; Jessica, born in 1950; Vaughn, born in 1953; Gayle, born in 1954; and Neill, born in 1956, are all at home and attending school in Ashley.



MR. AND MRS. REINHOLD ROESZLER

The Roeszler family has played an important part in the history of this area. Gottlieb Roeszler Sr. came to McIntosh County in 1889, locating on a farm southeast of Ashley. They had nine children, Reinhold being the fourth child. Reinhold established a farm adjoining the farm of his father, to the northwest.

Mr. Roeszler has resided in Ashley since 1945, and is presently serving as deputy-sheriff of the county, a position he also held some years ago.

He was married to Emma Klipfel on June 7, 1925, at which time they started farming for themselves. The Roeszlers have one son, Willis, born November 26, 1928. Willis served in the armed forces and after his discharge in 1950, was united in marriage to Bonnie Starr on September 10, 1950. In 1951 they took over the farm of his father, where they now reside. They have three children: Terry, Curtis and Dennis.

Reinhold Roeszler has always taken an active interest in public affairs, and has been an active worker in the Republican party all of his adult life. For some years he served as chief-of-police in Ashley.

MR. AND MRS. FRIEDRICH NIES



Mrs. Friedrich Nies



Friedrich Nies

Friedrich Nies, born September 23, 1859 in Gluecksthal, South Russia, was married September 8, 1882 to Elizabeth Klein, and they migrated to America in the year 1884, arriving at Menno, South Dakota where they had friends. Since no more land was available, they kept moving north and homesteaded eight miles east and one mile south of Ashley in 1885, using the box of their wagon as their first house. Their first income was derived from picking buffalo bones which had to be hauled to Ellendale by ox team.

The widowed mother of Mr. Nies also homesteaded nearby. Mother Barbara Nies had arrived in this country a short time later with friends.

The family continued to operate this farm until 1920 when they, with the children, moved to Lodi, California.

The sod house they built after settling here still stands on the farm today. This home was open to neighbors and friends at all times, being used for church services until 1897 when a church building was erected near the farm. This church, known as the Bethesda Gemeinde of the Evangelical Gemeinschaft, is still standing on the site. The Nies family subscribed to the Evangelical faith until their death.

Friedrich Nies died in Lodi, California April 13, 1925. Elizabeth Nies died June 1, 1933.

Family of Elizabeth Klein Nies: Parents — Heinrich Klein and his wife Julia, nee Wohlgemuth, came to America in 1885. Heinrich Klein died March 7, 1907; Julia died March 25, 1928. One brother Heinrich Jr. preceded her in death. A sister, Christine Klein Frey, is living in Lodi, California.

Katherina Nies, born March 12, 1886, near Ashley, married Jacob Schmierer, to which union seven children were born: Ella married Adam Vossler; Edmund married Minnie Kluck; Theodore married Elsie Peters; Roland married Ida Vossler; Harold married Martha Rau; Hilda married Sherman Wamble; Marion Arthur married Eleanor Klein. Jacob Schmierer died February 14, 1959.

Friedrich Nies Jr. was born May 10, 1887 near Ashley. In 1909 he homesteaded in eastern Montana where he and his family farmed until moving to Lodi, California, in 1935. To this union were born four children: Edmund E. Nies; John Nies; Irene Krause and Hilda Schramm.

Eva Nies, born September 16, 1888, married Albert Winkler. In 1908 they homesteaded thirteen miles south of Beulah, North Dakota, where they are now living. Ten children



ARTHUR NIES FAMILY

Roland — Reuben

Arthur — Paulina

were born to this union: Albert, who died in 1958; John Winkler; Martha Fischer; Hilda Krause; Henry; Gust; Reuben; Paul; Edwin and Herbert Winkler.

John Nies, born April 9, 1890, married Johanna Geiszler, daughter of Christoph Geiszler. John and his family lived on a farm east of Ashley, and later bought a farm eight miles north of Ashley, where they farmed until 1948 when they retired to Ashley. Nine children were born, of whom two died in infancy. Elmer died as a youth. Theodore Nies married Bertha Dollinger; Anna married Robert Maier; Edna married Julius Woehl; Walter married Clara Stoecker; Harold married Leona Hoffman; Edwin married Irma Geist. John Nies died January 20, 1959.

Martha Nies, born August 29, 1893, married Andreas Schmidt. This union was blessed with six children: Hilda Capps; Edna Patterson; Irma Bird; Marvin; Delmar; and Ralph Schmidt.

Arthur H. Nies was born March 30, 1897, and married Paulina Schmidt, a daughter of Andreas Schmidt and wife, Christine Schmidt, on January 30, 1921. Two sons, Reuben C. and Roland M. Nies; were born to this union. Paulina Nies died September 12, 1955, and Arthur E. Nies was married August 1, 1958 to Mrs. Mathilda Joachim, nee Beck. This union was broken by death on August 16, 1961. Mr. Nies was married on June 14, 1962 to Mrs. Mathilda Wetzol, nee Gruebele.

Lydia Nies, born September 26, 1898, married Conrad Hensel, to which union four children were born: LeRoy Hensel; Roselyn Rieger; Alethea Single and Connie Lloyd.

Edward Nies, born May 17, 1900, married Martha Dobler. Three children were born to this union: Florence Roeszler; Ruby McAfee; Norman Nies.

William Nies, born November 17, 1901, married Katherina Hauff, and they are making their home in Lodi, California.

Magdalena Nies, born April 24, 1903, married Gottfried Hensel. Two daughters and one son were born to this union.

MR. AND MRS. FRIEDRICH NIES – cont'd

Benjamin Nies, born June 16, 1907, married Bertha Hauff. One daughter was born to this union. Mr. Nies died in 1934.

I, Arthur H. Nies, continued to operate the Nies homestead after our marriage. My wife's parents lived with us until 1925 when they moved to California. Andreas Schmidt died in 1934, at the age of seventy-one years. Christine Schmidt died in 1944, at the age of seventy-eight.

The farm operations were continued with necessary improvements and new buildings erected as needed. In 1926 a new barn was erected, and in 1930 new house wiring and plumbing were installed for more modern conveniences. Crops continued to be good, but by 1932 prices were down. Wheat sold for 25 cents per bushel, and we had to sell 500 bushels of wheat to pay \$125.00 interest on a loan. 1933 brought on the drought, with no crop and very little hay. The cattle herd had to be cut down, so we shipped 10 two-year-old steers to Minneapolis for which we received a check in the amount of \$111.75. Hogs brought \$2.50 per hundred. The year 1934 brought the great dust storms and grasshoppers. Feed had to be hauled in from the eastern part of the state. The government started to buy cattle because of the shortage of feed. The price for calves was \$4.00 to \$8.00; yearlings \$10.00 to \$15.00; cows \$16.00 to \$20.00 per head. In 1935 the crop was fair, but certain varieties of wheat were rusted out and most grain was light. 1936 was very dry with grasshoppers eating whatever grew. The government furnished the poisoned bait which was spread over the fields, but results were not very good. Beginning with 1937, the crops were better and by 1940 farming conditions had improved much, as well as prices. Because of war conditions rationing of certain commodities was ordered by the government. Permits had to be obtained to buy machinery and many other items. While new machinery was hard to get, used machines were available at prices higher than new.

In 1942, the farm house was modernized with a 32-volt light plant, as well as running water. Thinking of retirement, we bought a house in Ashley in 1946 which was remodeled, and in 1948 we retired to Ashley. My son, Reuben C. Nies, operated the farm in partnership with myself. Buildings were erected and machinery bought to make the farm a modern place to live.

The farm today consists of 1560 acres of land, with about 800 acres in cropland, 90 acres in alfalfa, 12 acres in trees, mainly in shelterbelts around the farm. Livestock is considered the main-stay of farming, so therefore we have eighteen milk cows on the farm as well as 45 stock cows and 55 head of young cattle on feed.

Reuben C. Nies, the third generation to operate the Nies homestead, was born on the farm January 28, 1922. Married to Florence Schaeffer they, along with their three sons, Reuben Jr., Donovan and Paul Nies, are living on the farm at the present time. The Nies farm received the first Soil Conservation Achievement Award given in McIntosh County.

Roland M. Nies was born September 7, 1927, and married Annette Maier, daughter of Fred G. Maier of Ashley.

Having attended Ellendale College and two years at Westmar College, LeMars, Iowa, Roland is now instructor in the vocal department of the Eureka, South Dakota school system. Mrs. Roland Nies is a grade teacher in the Eureka School.



Back row: Agnes, Clarence, Leona.

Front row: Edward Wetzel and Mathilda Wetzel, now Mrs. Art Nies.

MR. AND MRS. EDWARD WETZEL

Edward Wetzel was born December 16, 1895 in McIntosh County, North Dakota, a son of Jacob Wetzel and wife Sophie, nee Delzer. Jacob Wetzel came to McIntosh County in 1894, and purchased a farm west of Danzig, where he and his wife reared a family of eight children.

Edward worked on the farm for his parents until May 24, 1918 when he was inducted into the army, serving in France and Germany. He was discharged May 18, 1919 at Camp Dodge, Iowa.

On April 19, 1920 he was united in marriage to Mathilda Gruebele, a daughter of Christian Gruebele and Rosina, nee Hinger.

Locating on a farm ten miles north of Ashley, the couple lived there until 1952 when they retired to Ashley where Mr. Wetzel served as assistant custodian at the McIntosh County Court House and also at the Ashley Hospital. Mr. Wetzel was active in community affairs serving as a member of the rural school board, and as treasurer of the Salem E.U.B. Church.

Three children were born to this union: Agnes, Mrs. Harry G. Mayer; Leona, Mrs. Clifford M. Martz; both of Aberdeen, South Dakota; and Clarence Wetzel, married to Pearl Bertsch, who farm eight miles north of Ashley. There are eight grandchildren.

Edward Wetzel died May 12, 1959. Mathilda Wetzel married Arthur Nies in June, 1962. They reside in Ashley.



HISTORY OF THE THEODORE MAIER FARM

The farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Maier, located eight miles east of Ashley, was homesteaded by his grandfather, Jacob Maier, in 1886. This farm has been kept in the Maier family since that time.

Jacob Maier owned and operated the farm until 1910 when his son, Edward Maier, acquired it. Edward operated it until 1919 when his brother, Christ J. Maier, bought the farm.

Since 1935 Christ's son, Theodore Maier, has owned and operated it. Mr. Maier engages in grain farming and the raising of registered and commercial Hereford cattle.

This farm has seen many changes in farming methods since Jacob Maier began to work the land in 1886. He did most of his work with the help of oxen, and later horses. Mr. Theodore Maier remembers the older people telling how they

broke up the tough prairie sod with walking hand plows and seeding the grain by hand. The crop was cut by hand with a scythe and gathered into loose piles to dry. The grain was separated from the straw by beating with flails or tramping by foot with the whole family helping. Sometimes the farm animals were driven back and forth over the dry grain to loosen the kernels from the straw.

Gradually the mowers, binders and headers came, as did the steam threshing machine and finally the wonderful modern machines we have today. The improvement in farm machinery from those early days would surely seem unbelievable to the pioneer farmers. The tractors, four and five bottom plows and pony drills make short work of seeding. These, and the swathers and combines for harvesting enable them to work this 1480-acre farm in a way that would surely seem almost a miracle to grandfather, Jacob Maier.

THEODORE MAIER FAMILY HISTORY



Theodore Maier, son of Christ J. Maier, was born November 13, 1912 in McIntosh County near Ashley, North Dakota. He completed the eighth grade in the rural school in his home district.

On October 20, 1935 he was married to Viola Sackmann who was born August 13, 1910 on her parents' farm east of Ashley. They were married by the Lutheran pastor, Rev. J. Huetmeyer.

The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Maier: *Marilyn* (Mrs. David Dorsett), born December 18, 1937. She lives in Aberdeen, South Dakota where Mr. Dorsett is employed by Aberdeen Savings and Loan Co., and Marilyn is employed by the First National Bank; *Armadel*, born August 19, 1942, is now attending Westmar College, LeMars, Iowa; *Sharon*, born February 6, 1945 is a senior in the Ashley High School.

Mr. Theodore Maier has taken an active interest in the welfare of the community. He is a member of the McIntosh County Livestock Association. He was clerk of the Iowa School District for sixteen years. He has been a director of the McIntosh County Memorial Hospital since 1950. The family holds membership in the Peace Lutheran Church where Mr. Maier has served as First Deacon for twenty-one years. He still holds this office. Mrs. Maier is treasurer of the Peace A.L.C.W. Circle.

What great changes have taken place since the grandparents started out on this same farm! None of us would like to go back to using the stoves made of earth and stones, the candles and kerosene lamps. This comes to mind when we see the Maiers' fine modern home, where Mrs. Maier enjoys all the labor-saving appliances which make the life of a homemaker so much more pleasant.

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Hickory Hardware Store is proud of its heritage and is equally proud of its growth and in the City of Ashley and the surrounding community. Needless to say, without the loyal support of the entire community, the name of The Hickory Hardware Store would now be past history.

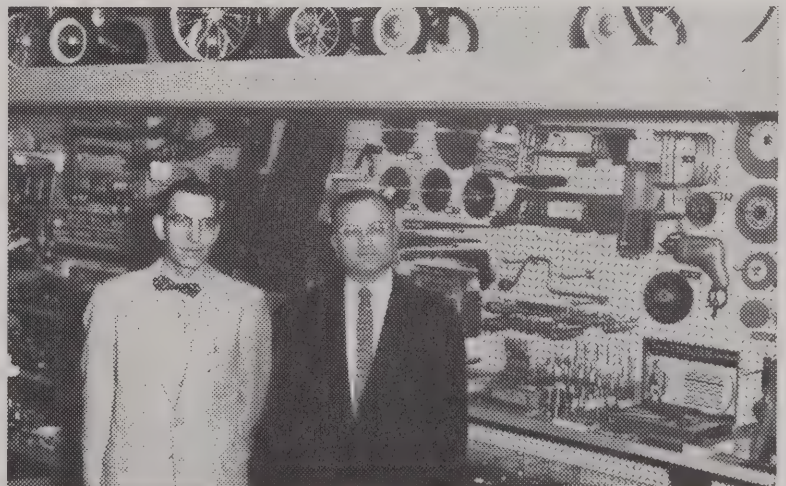
The Thurn Family wishes to extend and repeat what Ludwig Thurn advertised in the fiftieth Jubilee Book.

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Adolph and Rebecca Thurn and Family

Today Adolph Thurn and Jacob J. Bertsch, a clerk, pose before a section of a modern array of merchandise. A much larger stock is now necessary than as pictured above and displays play an important part in present day selling.



ANDREW THURN FAMILY



Top row, left to right: Frieda Ketterling, Arndt Ketterling, Marvin Speidel, Elmer Thurn, and Bernice (Meidinger).

Bottom row, left to right: Linda Lou Speidel, Magdalena, Andrew, and Ruth (Speidel).

Andrew Thurn, the son of Johann and Barbara Thurn, nee Schnabel, was born July 20, 1902, on the farm of his parents, thirteen miles northeast of Zeeland, North Dakota.

He was baptized December 7, 1902 and confirmed June 18, 1916 in St. Andrews Lutheran Church near Zeeland. He attended the rural school near his home from 1909 until 1917, and helped his parents operate their farm until 1925, when they retired and moved to Zeeland.

Andrew Thurn and Magdalena Martell were united in marriage on October 6, 1925 by the Rev. C. H. Schulz. She was the daughter of Phillip and Katherine Woehl Martell, and was born in McIntosh County August 24, 1907.

The Thurns became the parents of three children: Ruth, married to Marvin Speidel, Bismarck, North Dakota; Freda, married to Arndt Ketterling, Zeeland; and Elmer, married to Bernice Meidinger, Zeeland.

In 1926 Mr. Thurn became a member of St. Andrews Lutheran Church, and took an active part in the affairs of the church. He became janitor in 1926 and continued in that capacity for a good many years thereafter. He was a Sunday School teacher in that congregation from 1929 until 1947, and was church treasurer from 1942 until 1956.

In addition to his church work, Mr. Thurn took an active part in township and county affairs and maintained an interest in state and national government. He served as clerk of the Strasburg School District No. 7 from 1927 until 1956, when he retired from farming.

In 1942 he helped organize the Farmers Union Zeeland Local and served as secretary-treasurer of that group for twelve years. He was elected to the board of the Zeeland Farmers Union Oil Company, serving for twelve years, two of them as chairman of the board. He was a member of the McIntosh County Farmers Union board of directors for nine years and secretary-treasurer for five years.

Mr. Thurn served on the Land Use Planning Program Board for McIntosh County from 1940 until 1942. He was also a member of the County Agricultural Stabilization Program Committee for eight years.

He was appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture in 1956 to serve on the Marketing Quota Review Committee for an area made up of Logan, Emmons, Kidder, and McIntosh Counties. He served with this group for seven years.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurn retired to the city of Wishek in 1956, and turned their farm over to their son, Elmer.

ED RAU



Ed Rau was born November 21, 1904 on a farm south of Ashley. He attended grade schools in Ashley and was graduated from Eureka Lutheran College in 1924. He attended Ellendale Normal and Industrial School during two summer sessions and taught country school for two years southwest of Ashley, near the present Walter Retzer farm. In 1927 he

was married to Emma Klein of Eureka and moved to a farm seven miles northeast of Ashley. In 1930 they moved to a farm three miles south of Ashley, and in 1934 the Rauses moved to the City of Ashley where he went into the produce business in the spring of 1935, next to the present R & C Motor site. From 1936 to 1938 he managed the Ashley Creamery for Mr. Fernholz. In 1938 he bought the service station from Beaver Oil Co. located to the east of the Ashley Implement Co. He operated it together with the bulk station until 1952, when fire destroyed the building and its contents. He rented an office building next to the Ashley Tribune and operated the bulk station. He operated the Star Route between Ashley and Hague for nine years. In 1957, the Wishek Investment Company built the modern service station shown below, which is operated by the present owner, Ed Rau. Mr. Rau has been in business in Ashley for twenty-eight years. He served ten years on the City

Council, was president of the Lions Club, president of Merchants Association, chief of the fire department. He was also secretary of the Zion Lutheran Church for twenty-five years, and is on the Ashley Hospital Board.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rau are: Myron D. Rau, with a masters degree in education, at present basketball coach and director of physical education in Ashley High School. Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Rau have two girls, Debra and Carol. Clifford Rau, with a masters degree in education, at present superintendent of schools of the high school in Hankinson, North Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Rau have one son, Keith. June Rau, graduated from Jamestown College, studied in Freiberg, Germany for a year and is at present attending college in Laurence, Kansas on a government scholarship of \$6600.



MR. AND MRS. JOHANNES ERLENBUSCH

Mr. and Mrs. Johannes Erlenbusch and three sons came to America in June, 1898. After landing at the port of New York they traveled west to the prairies of North Dakota, and homesteaded a farm near Coldwater, east of Ashley, where they established a home for their family.

Mr. Erlenbusch was born in Zeibergo, Russia on December 21, 1860. He was married to Katherina Bauer in 1882. Mrs. Erlenbusch was born March 12, 1861, also in Russia.

Mr. and Mrs. Erlenbusch were the parents of five sons and one daughter: John Erlenbusch, born October 22, 1884; Dan Erlenbusch, born December 10, 1890; Gust Erlenbusch, born August 10, 1895; Matt Erlenbusch, born October 3, 1897, died in 1951; Christ Erlenbusch, born December 29, 1899; Katherine Erlenbusch Bertsch, born August 28, 1903, died in 1956.

Mrs. Katherina Erlenbusch died in March, 1906.

In 1908 Mr. Erlenbusch married Mrs. Magdalena Neuhardt. One son, Jacob, was born to them on September 8, 1909.

The second Mrs. Erlenbusch died in June, 1928. Mr. Erlenbusch died in October, 1930.

There are twenty-two grandchildren.



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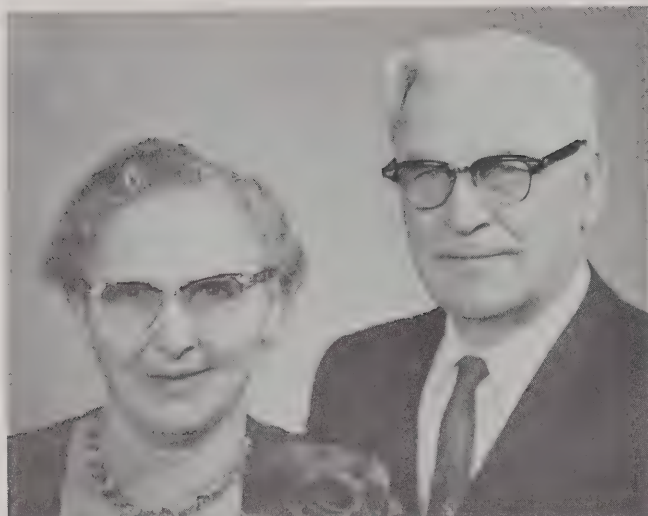
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MR. AND MRS. JOHN MARTZ

John Martz is the son of a pioneer family, Thomas and Carolina Martz, who like so many others imbued with a spirit of adventure and a desire for greater freedom, emigrated from South Russia to the new unsettled Dakota Territory, arriving in McIntosh County in May of 1888. Thomas Martz homesteaded land on section 11, township 129, range 69, southeast of Ashley. It is worthy to note that the same land is presently occupied and farmed by a grandson, Wilbert Martz, making three generations of the same family to own the original homestead.

John Martz was born on January 9, 1891, at Ashley. He was married February 5, 1914, to Paulina Wahl, who was also the daughter of a pioneer family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wahl, Sr. Both Mr. and Mrs. Martz grew to adulthood on farms near Ashley. They located on a farm northeast of Ashley where they farmed for a year, after which they packed up their few belongings and homesteaded near Vananda, Montana where they began to break up the sod and seed the land. However, after three years of continuous drought and crop failures, they again packed up and moved to a farm, seven miles southeast of Ashley, where they farmed successfully until October, 1952, when they took up residence in the City of Ashley where they still reside.

Mr. and Mrs. John Martz were brought up in the Lutheran faith and are members of the Zion Lutheran Church of Ashley. To them fourteen children were born: Bernhard H. of Central City, South Dakota, married to Emma Delzer; Ruben of Ashley; Oscar of Ashley, married to Elinore A. Buchholz; Baldwin of Minot, North Dakota, married to Shirley Hubbard; Gerhardt R., killed in action at Luzon in the Philippines, Pacific Theatre, World War II; Wilbert A. of Ashley, married to Shirley Weisser; Hildegard of Denver, Colorado; Gertrude, now Mrs. Harold Merkel of Greenway, South Dakota; Olivia, now Mrs. Curt Collis of Minot, North Dakota; Jean, now Mrs. Kay Sellers of Great Falls, Montana; Agnes, now Mrs. Robert C. Kreig of Denver, Colorado; Robert L. of Ashley, married to Marjorie Fuchs; Evelyn, now Mrs. Jessie Edwins of Denver, Colorado; and Frances, now Mrs. Ted N. Davis of Charleston, South Carolina.



MR. AND MRS. EDWIN ROHRBACH

Edwin Rohrbach was born November 26, 1914, the son of John Rohrbach and his wife, Carolina Meidinger Rohrbach. His early years were spent on his father's farm and attending Leola High School.

On March 27, 1941, he married Elizabeth Humann, a daughter of the late Peter Humanns. They rented a farm thirteen miles northeast of Long Lake, South Dakota, but soon began to think of owning their own farm.

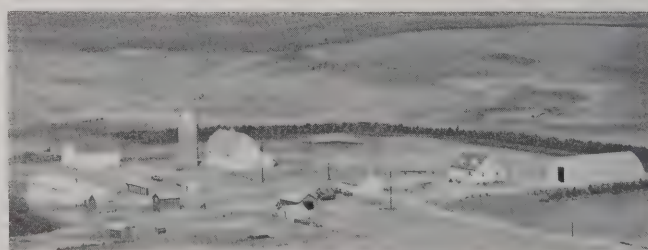
In 1943, Mr. Rohrbach bought their present farm from Jacob Erlenbusch, located seventeen miles southeast of Ashley. They later bought the adjoining Schultz farm. Together these two properties make up an 800-acre farm.

Mr. Rohrbach has made many improvements on this farm, having replaced most of the old buildings with modern structures. He has a large, well-advanced shelter-belt with a fine stand of young evergreens. These groves of trees, in addition to holding moisture and preventing erosion of the soil, add much to the beauty of the farm, and together with the well-kept buildings make the Rohrbach farm a most attractive place. Mr. Rohrbach was the winner of the Soil Conservation Achievement Award for 1959, and is still continuously working to improve and beautify his farm.

In addition to the usual grain farming, the Rohrbachs raise beef cattle. During this past winter they also kept 2000 laying hens.

All of the Rohrbach children have attended school in Ashley. Curtis has finished high school and is now at home; Diana attended Ellendale Normal and is now teaching at La-Moure, North Dakota; Harvey is a senior; Shirley, a junior; Rickie is in the fifth grade, and Ronnie in the third grade. All travel by bus to the Ashley School.

The Rohrbachs are members of the Zion Lutheran Church of Ashley.



Edwin Rohrbach Farm



*Top row, left to right: Oscar and Raymond.
Bottom row, left to right: David Rau and Marie Rau.*

MR. AND MRS. DAVID RAU

David Rau was born June 22, 1897 in McPherson County, South Dakota, a son of Gottlieb and Katherina Rau, nee Laemmle.

He was united in marriage to Marie Glaesmann of Ashley on February 19, 1920. Mrs. Rau was born December 17, 1899 in McIntosh County, the daughter of pioneer settlers, Gottlieb and Maria Glaesmann, nee Klauss.

The young couple settled on his father's homestead, nine miles south and east of Ashley. In 1950, they built a new home on the old homestead where Mr. Rau was born. They still reside here on the land where they started to farm forty-three years ago.

Three children were born to the Raus: Viola, who died in infancy; Oscar, who farms near Venturia; and Raymond, who is employed by the Tri-State Auction Company of West Fargo, North Dakota.

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JOHN BLUMHARDT

John Blumhardt was born May 7, 1911 on a farm in McIntosh County eighteen miles northeast of Ashley, a son of Edward and Margarate Blumhardt.

On the 24th day of December, 1933 he was united in marriage to Emma Kungel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kungel.

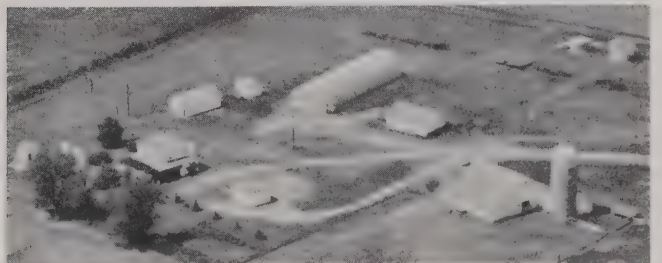
In the fall of 1934 they bought and moved to a 320-acre farm fourteen miles southwest of Kulm in eastern McIntosh County. The farm was bought at \$9.35 per acre which sounds reasonable now, but at that time it was hard to pay, even at that price. It was during the drought, money was scarce and banks were making very few loans.

In the years 1934 through 1937 crops dried out. In 1938 the Blumhardts took their first crop off their farm. As time went on and prices went up more land was added to their farm, at a price of from \$9.35 in 1933 to \$55.00 per acre in 1962.

In 1938 they cut their crop with an 8-ft. horse binder while now, twenty-eight years later, they are harvesting the crop with an air-conditioned self-propelled combine, which is quite a change.

To this union three children were born: Willard J., born June 23, 1927, attended State Teachers College at Valley City, North Dakota for two years, was a student at the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks, North Dakota for two years, and is now working for the First National Bank in Grand Forks, North Dakota. He married the former Margaret Bjornson, and they have two children, Debbie and Jonie; Sharon Ann, born September 28, 1943, now attending Jamestown College at Jamestown, North Dakota; Donna Lue, born January 16, 1945, now attending the North Dakota State University at Fargo, North Dakota.

The Blumhardts are members of the Berlin Baptist Church south of Fredonia.



John Blumhardt Farm

THE KARL HAGER FAMILY



*Back row, left to right: Eva, Gottfried, Bertha, Maleta.
Front row, left to right: Tillie, Karl Hager, father; Martha,*

Mrs. Hager, Olga, and baby Leonard.

Karl Hager was born September 25, 1862, in Borodina, South Russia. His parents were John and Margaret (nee Schauer) Hager.

In 1888 he married Christina Schulz, to which union nine children were born.

Maleta was born May 11, 1890, and on October 26, 1913, married Emanuel Reule who passed away May 13, 1945. The Reule farm is east of Ashley. Four of her children are still living, namely: Tillie, married to Robert C. Baglein, now living in Minneapolis, Minnesota; Arthur E., unmarried, now living with his mother; Martha Mary, married to Edwin B. Bertsch, Kennewick, Washington; Eleanora, married to Edwin Schneider of Forbes.

The other children of the Karl Hager family are listed as follows: Bertha Hager married to Dan Erlenbusch, Lodi, California; Eva Hager, married to Christ Erbele, Middleton, Idaho; Martha Hager, married to John Quaschnick, Lodi, California; Gottfried Hager, now deceased; Otillia Hager, married to Jacob Maier, Rapid City, South Dakota; Olga Hager, now Mrs. Olga Kelly of Caldwell, Idaho; Leonard Hager, married to Evelyn Trosseth, living in Fargo, North Dakota.

Mrs. Leonard Hager passed away November 1961.



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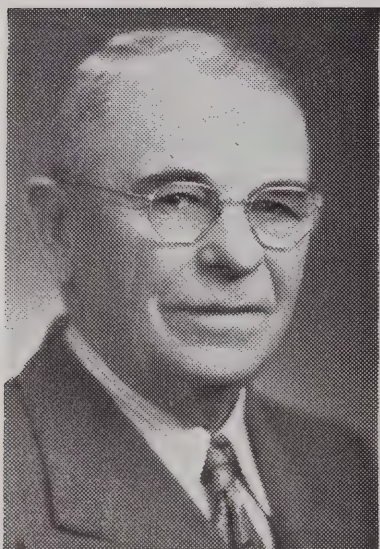
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JACOB C. GOLL

Jacob C. Goll, one of the most colorful residents of McIntosh County, was born in Bessarabia, February 23, 1882, and came to the United States in 1898. He arrived at Ashley in early 1905 and worked for the Stepper & Pudwill Farm Implement Company. His speech was tinted with a pleasant German brogue and he was early tagged with the nickname of "Dutch." He entered the grain business and operated a grain elevator for the firm of Steinecker & Kretschmar. Thereafter he negotiated the sale of two Ashley grain elevators, one being the former Miles Elevator now owned by Harold Jenner. He later managed the Peoples Elevator Company, a corporation, owned by J. H. Wishek and others. For many years he operated one of the elevators at Danzig.

During the depression years of the 1930's, he headed the elevator department of the State Mill and Elevator at Grand Forks. In 1939 he returned to Danzig to manage the elevators for the Union Elevator Company until 1951 when he was appointed to the position of head of the Weights and Measures Department of the Public Service Commission at Bismarck. This department was in the red at the time, but it was not long before Jake had increased the revenue and curtailed expenses so that the department returned a substantial profit to the State. In May, 1962, he retired and now resides in an apartment in the Patterson Hotel in Bismarck.

On June 25, 1917 Mr. Goll was united in marriage to Winifred Reardon at Beardsley, Minnesota. Mrs. Goll had taught in the Ashley public schools for a number of years. They have two daughters, Florence (Mrs. Hugh Anstett) born October 3, 1918; and Mary Janet (Mrs. Ray Zimmerman) born May 8, 1921. Mr. Anstett is in the wholesale coffee business in Fargo, and the Zimmermans reside in Long Beach, California. Mrs. Goll, a devoted wife and mother, died in Bismarck on June 15, 1957.

Jake Goll has always taken a keen interest in politics. He threw himself into all matters political with a zest exhibited by few. He was a shrewd judge of human behavior and could plan moves far in advance. He served as Republican County Chairman of his party with outstanding ability and gained the respect of party members on a statewide basis.

Mr. Goll was active in community affairs and generously gave of his time and money for every worthy cause. He served for a number of years as Justice of the Peace in Ashley, and also on the Ashley School Board. He possesses an unusually friendly disposition and can strike up a conversation with anyone regardless of his or her station in life. He is well-read and well-informed and can converse intelligently on a wide range of subjects.



MR. AND MRS. ERNEST ISAAK

Ernest Isaak, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Isaak, was born February 4, 1903, on the homestead which his grandfather, Christian Isaak, had filed on when he came to America from South Russia.

On November 25, 1927, Mr. Isaak was united in marriage to Madeline Kayner of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. Mrs. Isaak is a graduate of the Ellendale Normal and Industrial School, and has been teaching in McIntosh County schools the past twenty-three years.

Previous to his marriage Mr. Isaak was an interior painter, and also painted many grain elevators and churches in the surrounding towns.

After his marriage, during the drought years, Mr. Isaak spent a good deal of time on the road, selling Stay-Polish and Golden Poultry Tonic. Both of these products were compounded by Mr. Isaak, himself. Through this business which entailed a great deal of traveling in all parts of North Dakota, Mr. Isaak made countless interesting acquaintances and friendships. Many of these have endured through the years up to the present time.

Mr. Isaak bought his father's farm in 1942. Here he has been most successful, having increased his farming unit to 680 acres, where he engages in grain farming and the raising of livestock. His holdings include the original land upon which his grandfather, Christian Isaak, settled in 1886.

Mr. Isaak is further considered a leader in the political field in the eastern part of the county. He is a life-long Republican.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaak have one daughter, Doreen. She is the wife of Dr. F. M. Raines, an optometrist, of Ellendale, North Dakota. They have two children, LaMont and Craig.

THE FARM AND FAMILY OF DAVID AND PAULINE DICKHOFF



The David Dickhoffs with their eldest son, G. Richard, one and one-half years old, came to Kulm, North Dakota from Bessarabia, South Russia in the fall of 1893.

With very little cash, they were fortunate in being able to spend the winter with the Darciel Grosz family of rural Kulm, who were kind enough to take them in.

Early the next spring, in 1894, they homesteaded 160 acres in east central McIntosh County. Somehow, they were able to purchase a team of oxen. Plowing up some sod, they built a two-room sod house and a sod barn.

"I can remember these buildings well," writes G. R. Dickhoff of Lodi, California. "This was a start for the David Dick-

hoffs in McIntosh County. They had to endure many hardships, but they were willing to make the best of it.

"In 1900, David Dickhoff received his citizenship papers. This, in addition to owning a home and making a living in a new and free country, was the chief ambition of most of the pioneer settlers.

"The David Dickhoffs had nine children who are still living. They are: Rudolph of Fairfield, Montana; Matilda Uttke of Lodi, California; Jaqueline Bower of Stockton, California; Martha Bice of Lockford, California; William of Arcadia, California; Lidia Hess of Fallon, Montana; Hulda Moldenhauer of Ashley; and myself, G. Richard of Lodi, California. From these nine children came an increase of 151 to the population.

"The farm my father homesteaded is still in the Dickhoff family. The youngest daughter, Hulda, and her husband, Luke Moldenhauer, own and live on it. They had sixteen children. One died at the age of one and one-half years. The other fifteen went to the same school which the nine of us Dickhoff children had attended many years before.

"I, G. R., am the eldest of the Dickhoffs. I am 71 years old, and living with my good wife, Adeline Wolf Dickhoff, in Lodi, California. We have lived in California for the past twenty-six years. We have been blessed with six children and eleven grandchildren, all living in this vicinity.

"I have been a building contractor most of my life.

"My wife and I look forward to being in Ashley for the 75th Anniversary. McIntosh County still seems like home to me."

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GOTTLIEB BENDEWALD FAMILY

L. to R: Edward; Rosa, Mrs. Christoph Nitschke; Gottlieb, father; John G.; little girl is Emma, Mrs. Christoph Fischer;

Ricka, mother; Katharina, Mrs. N. A. Miller; Mathilda, Mrs. Albert Strobel; and David, deceased.

Gottlieb Bendewald was born in Borodina, South Russia on December 12, 1871. At the age of twenty-three, he came to the United States and settled in South Dakota where he worked as a laborer for four years.

In 1898, he filed on a homestead claim and established his home to which he brought his bride, Mary Boetcher. One son, John, was born to this union. Ten days after the birth of the child the mother died.

Mr. Bendewald then married Matilda Henke. Three daughters were born to this marriage: Mrs. N. A. Miller and Mrs. Albert Strobel, Ashley; and Mrs. Christoph Nitschke of Aberdeen, South Dakota. After seven years of marriage, Mrs. Bendewald died on November 28, 1907. Since his children were all small, Mr. Bendewald married again the next year. His third wife was Fredericka Opp. This union was also blessed with three children: David, now deceased; Edward (Benjy); and Mrs. Christoph (Emma) Fischer, Ashley.

Mr. Bendewald was always a healthy, active man with a happy-go-lucky disposition.

In 1935, as he was helping unload baled hay from a railroad car, his leg was accidentally caught between the truck and the freight car. His leg was so badly crushed that the doctors advised taking him to a hospital at Bismarck. However, by the time he reached Bismarck, gangrene had set in and he could not be saved. He died May 25, 1935, at the age of sixty-three years.

Mrs. Fredericka (Opp) Bendewald passed away on June 11, 1951 in Ashley, at the age of seventy-five years.

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CALFORD AND ROSA MAYER



Perhaps the greatest loss to our community, or the greatest gift to our nation, is the hundreds of persons born and reared in McIntosh County who leave each year to find their fame and fortune in the glittering cities. One of those to remain is Calford Mayer, born March 2, 1926, a son of Jacob J. Mayer and Pauline (Steinwandt).

He received his elementary and high school education at Ashley, and after a two-year course in accounting and secretarial training at the State School of Science at Wahpeton, he accepted a position in 1945 with Max A. Wishek in his law office, and has been continuously employed there to the present time.

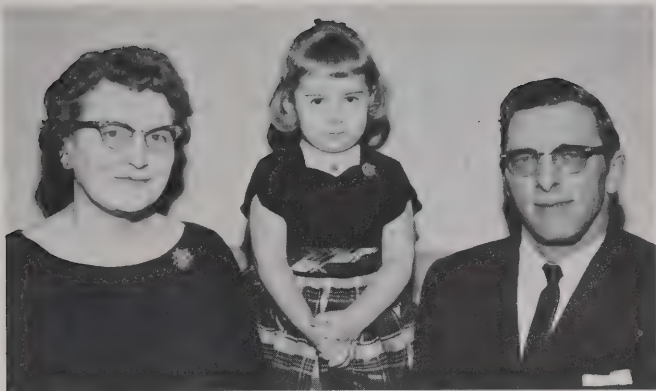
It is the nature of German people to be thrifty and aggressive, which is evidenced by the development and progress of the Ashley community. This inherited trait was probably the reason that in addition to his employment with Mr. Wishek, Mr. Mayer in 1950 invested his modest savings in the purchase of some cattle that he put out with some of his friends on a share basis. It soon became evident to Mr. Mayer that the better quality cattle would produce the greater profit, and in 1953 he bought his first purebred Hereford cows. In order to give his cattle business his personal attention, in the spring of 1957 he bought the SE4-13-130-70, located two miles north of Ashley, and started his own ranch where he has been concentrating the past few years on raising registered polled Hereford cattle, and presently winters approximately 100 head. In 1962, to expand this business, he purchased the Jacob Glaesman farm and other land south of Ashley.

Mr. Mayer is a member of the McIntosh County Livestock Association and the McIntosh County Hereford Association. He was one of the small group of purebred Hereford breeders that organized the McIntosh County Hereford Association in 1956, and served as a director and officers in this association until 1962.

Mr. Mayer has a brother, LeRoy, at Fargo; a sister, Marcella, married to Melvin Baumann at Ashley; and another sister, Betty, married to Herbert Pfeifle at San Jose, California.

Mrs. Mayer was born Rosa Hasenfusz on July 3, 1922, at Hirtenheim, Rumania, a daughter of Christian Hasenfusz and Johanna (Schnaithmann). This land was occupied by Russia during World War II and is now a part of that country. Because of the Russian occupation of their land, and not wishing to live under Russian rule, nearly all of the German population of Rumania returned to Germany. Rosa, her mother, two unmarried brothers, Oscar and Otto; and a married sister, Maria Ahl; were part of that emigration which started in October, 1940. Her father had died in September, 1940, and a brother, Draugott, had died two weeks prior. Her brother, Otto, was killed on the Russian front in 1942, and her mother died in October, 1945. Her life because of this great war was a series of tragedies, trials and tribulations, and there is much more than can be written in a short biography of this kind.

On March 10, 1946, she married Albert Weisz who had been their neighbor in their homeland in Rumania; and in October, 1951, they and their daughter, Ursula, born September 17, 1947, at Cadenberge, Germany, and Oscar Weisz, a brother of Albert; immigrated to the United States and came to Ashley. Her sister, Maria; and brother, Oscar; remain in Germany. After a while here, they moved onto the August Thurn farm and on April 27, 1954, Rose Marie was born to them. They had no money when they came here and it was difficult to make progress, but they worked hard, and just when conditions were working out to their advantage, in August, 1957, Albert died and left Rosa with the two children. She sold their cattle and machinery and moved to Ashley where some time later she met, and on February 15, 1959, married Calford Mayer. On April 20, 1962, they were blessed with a son, Paul Miles Mayer. "And they lived happily ever after."



MR. AND MRS. ART FRANZ AND CYNTHIA ANN

Art Franz was born in McIntosh County, August 31, 1916. At the time of his birth his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Franz, Jr., were living on a farm twenty-four miles northeast of Ashley. When Art was six weeks old his parents moved to the Franz, Sr. homestead where he spent his boyhood years.

On June 30, 1939 Art Franz and Elsie Schlabsz were married. She is the daughter of Mrs. Schlabsz, and the late Gottfried Schlabsz.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Franz moved back to the farm where Art was born, where they still reside. In addition to grain farming, Mr. Franz raises cattle and sheep.

Mr. and Mrs. Franz have one daughter, Cynthia Ann, whom they adopted from the Children's Village of Fargo when she was just two weeks old. This little girl has brought much joy and happiness to the Franz home.



MR. AND MRS. WALTER DOERR

Walter Doerr was born May 17, 1911 on a farm six miles from Lehr, North Dakota, the son of the late Jacob and Christiana Doerr. When the father was elected County Judge, the family moved to Ashley where Walter was graduated from the Ashley High School.

In 1934 he married Viola Lippert, daughter of Ephraim and Katherina Lippert. To this union two daughters were born: Donna, married to Alvin Grueneich, who have two sons, Mark and Todd; Connie Jo Ann, married to Duane Grosz, who have one daughter, Kim Jo Ann.

Mr. Doerr went into the gasoline business in 1934 and into the bulk business in 1945. In 1947 he built the new station and garage, and in 1950 took over the Plymouth and Dodge contract which he had until he sold the business, March 1, 1962 to Coop Oil Co.



MR. AND MRS. GEORGE KLIPFEL

George Klipfel was born June 5, 1881, in Bergdorf, South Russia, the son of George Klipfel and his wife, Magdalena, nee Rau.

At the age of three he left Russia with his parents and arrived in America in April, 1884. They came to Dakota Territory and settled on a homestead claim seven miles southeast of what is now the city of Ashley. Here he attended school and grew to young manhood, working and sharing with his parents until 1903, when he filed on a homestead claim a mile and a half from his parents' farm.

On November 20, 1904, George Klipfel was married to Christina Hoffman. She, like himself, had been born in South Russia and with her parents came to America in 1892. Her parents settled on a homestead claim not far from the George Klipfel Sr. farm. She helped her parents on their farm, and also filed on a homestead claim of her own.

Mr. and Mrs. Klipfel experienced the usual hardships of the early hard-working farmers, but they managed to build a fine home for their large family. The Klipfels were faithful and active members of St. James Lutheran Church, eleven miles southeast of Ashley. Mr. Klipfel served as a deacon for many years, and in other capacities in the church. He was also active in school and community affairs, serving as director of the Myrtle School District for some years.

Mr. Klipfel passed away July 15, 1937, and Mrs. Klipfel on September 20, 1957.

Their children are: Mrs. Henry (Magdalena) Glaesmann; Mrs. Reinhold (Emma) Roeszler, Ashley; Mrs. Alvin (Ida) Knittel, Aberdeen, South Dakota; Mrs. Gotthilf (Anna) Bendewald, Christ, Albert, Richard, all of Ashley; and Harold of Aberdeen, South Dakota; Oscar passed away May 26, 1959, and Julius passed away July 25, 1962. One daughter died in infancy.



MRS. EVA RAU

Mrs. Eva Rau, the wife of the late Johannes Rau, was born December 18, 1876 in Bergdorf, South Russia. In 1900, accompanied by her husband and two small children, John and Christina, she came to the United States, and they homesteaded on a quarter of land three miles south of Ashley.

Mr. Rau built a two-room sod house with a barn attached to it, and they themselves made the furniture for their new home. They bought three horses and began to farm. In order to secure cash with which to buy seed, Mr. Rau walked to Ashley every day to work on the Soo Line Railroad which was then being built.

After four years they were able to build a frame house. Here two more children, Katherine and Edward, were born. Another eight years went by, and the Rauses built a new frame house on the site of the present John J. Rau farm. Two more children, Lydia and Esther, were born here.

In 1928, the Rau family moved to the city of Ashley, and in 1935 they returned to the farm south of Ashley. In 1936, Mr. Rau sold out and moved to California where they stayed for a year.

In 1937 they purchased the house of Mrs. Maggie Spitzer, where they lived until 1945 when Mr. Rau passed away. Eva Rau continued to live in her home until 1953 when she sold her household possessions and went to Bismarck to live with her daughter, Mrs. Jacob Ehley.

In 1954, Mrs. Rau decided to return to Ashley where she would be able to attend German church services. Since that time she has been making her home with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rau. They are members of the Zion Lutheran Church, where Mrs. Eva Rau is still a member of the Ladies Aid. Mrs. Rau is mentally alert and active, and enjoys good health in spite of her eighty-six years.

All of the six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Rau are still living. John, the eldest, is married to Emelia Becker, and they reside on the homestead farm; Christina married Otto Becker, (deceased) and is now the wife of Jacob Leibig of Lodi, California; Katherine is the wife of Edwin Faszer of Lodi, California; Edward married Emma Klein of Eureka, and they reside in Ashley; Lydia is the wife of Jacob Ehley of Bismarck, North Dakota; and Esther is the wife of Henry Hales of Idaho Falls, Idaho.

There are fourteen grandchildren, and fourteen great grandchildren.



MR. AND MRS. BEN BENDER

Ben Bender, a son of the late George and Philephenia Reub Bender, was born in McIntosh County on his father's farm south of Ashley, on November 24, 1910. His father had come from Russia as a young boy in 1889. Ben was one of fourteen children. He was also a twin, the other twin being named William.

He helped his father on the farm until his marriage to Bertha Joachim, born August 30, 1910, daughter of Jacob and Katherine Wagner Joachim. They were married March 22, 1934 in the Zion Lutheran Church of Venturia by Rev. T. N. Deguisne.

They moved to a farm twelve miles northeast of Long Lake, South Dakota, and farmed there until August 12, 1939 when they moved to his father's farm near Ashley where they are still making their home.

Two children were born to the Benders: Norman George, born May 1, 1938, is married and is employed by the Farmers Feed and Elevator in Ashley; Deloris Katherine, born August 16, 1944, is attending Dakota Business College in Fargo, North Dakota.

The Benders are members of the Zion Lutheran Church of Ashley.

MEIDINGERS – FOUR GENERATIONS – ADAM SR., ADAM A., EDWIN A., STANLEY E.



Mr. and Mrs. Adam Meidinger were among the earliest pioneers in McIntosh County. Mr. Meidinger was born in Kassel, Russia on December 28, 1848, and in 1866 was married to Fredericka Miller, born in Rumania, April 3, 1848. The first eighteen years of their married life was spent in Russia. In January of 1885 the couple, accompanied by their children, emigrated to the United States and settled in Menno, South Dakota where they spent one year. On May 6, 1886 the family arrived in McIntosh County to file on land in what is now known as Antelope Valley, twenty-one miles northeast of Ashley. Their covered wagon, lifted from the wheels and anchored to the ground, served as their home until their 12' x 24' sod house was built. A hole in the ground stoked with weeds and hay served as their first stove. Mr. Meidinger was one of the men who organized and built the Berlin Baptist Church.



in marriage to Martha Blumhardt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Blumhardt, and born on January 24, 1910 in McIntosh County. They rented a farm, and during the first years of their married life met with many hardships struggling through the depression years. Times improved after they moved back to the homestead, and in 1945 they built a new house and other buildings which added much to the general improvement of the original farm. In 1956 they moved to Ashley and built a new home, but they brought with them a bit of the old place by using the lumber from one of grandfather's granaries to build their garage. Edwin and his wife still retain membership in the Berlin Baptist Church in which he served for many years as Sunday School treasurer and trustee. Mrs. Meidinger is still active in the Women's Missionary Society which she helped organize. Four children were born to them, two of whom are living: Mercedes, now Mrs. Edgar Ulmer of Lehr, North Dakota; and Stanley, living on the homestead.



ADAM A. When Adam Sr. moved to Ashley in 1906 to become the owner and operator of the Meidinger and Son Mercantile business, the homestead was sold to his son, Adam A. Meidinger. In 1903, the latter had married Elizabeth Miller, also an emigrant from Kassel, Russia, born on May 7, 1884. Nine children were born to them, namely: Alvina, now Mrs. Gust Herr of Aberdeen, South Dakota; Reinhold, now of Seattle, Washington; Marcella, now Mrs. Harold Klipfel of Aberdeen, South Dakota; Edwin, of Ashley, North Dakota; Freda, now Mrs. Otto Feil of Lodi, California; Katie, now Mrs. Rheinie Ladner of Rochester, Minnesota; and Hulda, now Mrs. Jacob Blumhardt of Fargo, North Dakota. Adam A. and his wife spent their years of retirement in Ashley, where they were active members of the Ashley Baptist Church. Adam A. died in 1943, and his wife in 1958. They are buried in the Ashley Cemetery.

EDWIN A. In 1937, Adam A. sold the homestead to his son, Edwin A. Meidinger, who was born November 26, 1907 in McIntosh County. On December 7, 1932, Edwin was united



STANLEY E. Stanley E. Meidinger was born November 8, 1933 in McIntosh County. On October 7, 1956 he married Bernice Wolf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christian J. Wolf, and born October 7, 1936 in McIntosh County. They have spent their entire married life on the homestead. For several years they rented it from his father and then Stanley purchased it in July 1962. Since that time the place has been enlarged by the purchase of more land. Stanley and his wife have two children: Myra Jean, born November 19, 1958 and Sidney Lee, born February 23, 1962. Stanley is serving as Sunday School treasurer of the Berlin Baptist Church. Mrs. Meidinger has been church pianist for many years. The family hopes that their son will someday continue the operation of the Meidinger homestead into the fifth generation.

THE GOTTLIEB ROESZLER FAMILY

Among the families of early immigrants who came from South Russia to settle in McIntosh County was Gottlieb Roeszler. With him were his wife Dorothea, nee Haerter, and three children: Helen, Otilia and Jacob.

The Roeszler family arrived in Eureka, South Dakota April 10, 1898 with other immigrants, among them Jacob Gall and Gottlieb Iszler. A claim was filed on land in Section 22, Range 129. In 1903 the family purchased a farm in section 15 about seven miles southeast of Ashley. This farm was operated until 1918 when they retired to Ashley.

Gottlieb Roeszler was born January 7, 1870 in Beresina, South Russia, a son of Heinrich Roeszler and wife Jakobine, nee Kuch. In his homeland on September 17, 1889 he married Miss Dorothea Haerter. This union was blessed with ten children, namely: Helen, Mrs. Edwar Maier, Ellendale, North Dakota; Otilia, Mrs. John Klipfel, Long Lake, South Dakota; Jacob (deceased) married Lydia Baumann, Ellendale, North Dakota; Gottfried (deceased) married Otilia Speidel, Lodi, California; Reinhold, married Emma Klipfel, Ashley, North Dakota; Margaret (deceased); Otto, married Viola Wahl, Ellendale, North Dakota; Adolph, married Maize Nelson, Jamestown, North Dakota; Emma (deceased) Mrs. Adam Walker; William, twin brother of Jacob, died in infancy.

His wife, Dorothea, passed away January 31, 1933. He married Sophia Walker June 5, 1934. After a short illness he passed away on November 3, 1942, and was laid to rest beside his wife, Dorothea, in the Lutheran cemetery, Ashley, North Dakota.

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EDWIN E. GEHRING FAMILY

Edwin E. Gehring was born March 27, 1912 in McIntosh County, six and one-half miles northeast of Ashley, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Johannes (Friedericka Hermann) Gehring. He was brought up in the Lutheran faith, attended the rural school near his home, and was confirmed in the Lutheran Emmaus Church, five miles northeast of Ashley on Palm Sunday, April 10, 1927, by Rev. C. H. W. Schulz. He helped his parents on the farm until 1942, when he was called into the service of his country, being stationed at Camp Wolters, Mineral Wells, Texas. He was honorably discharged from the service, and came home on August 29, 1942.

He went into farming again with his parents until 1945, and on May 13, 1945 he married Mary Schlecht of Fredonia. She was born on February 5, 1917, on a farm twelve miles northwest of Fredonia, and was confirmed at the Nazareth Congregational Church in Fredonia in June of 1931.

Since 1946, Mr. and Mrs. Gehring have made their home on a farm five miles north of Ashley.

To this union three children were born: Shirley Irene Gehring (deceased); Jane Viola and Melvin, both attending school in Ashley.

JOHANNES GEHRING



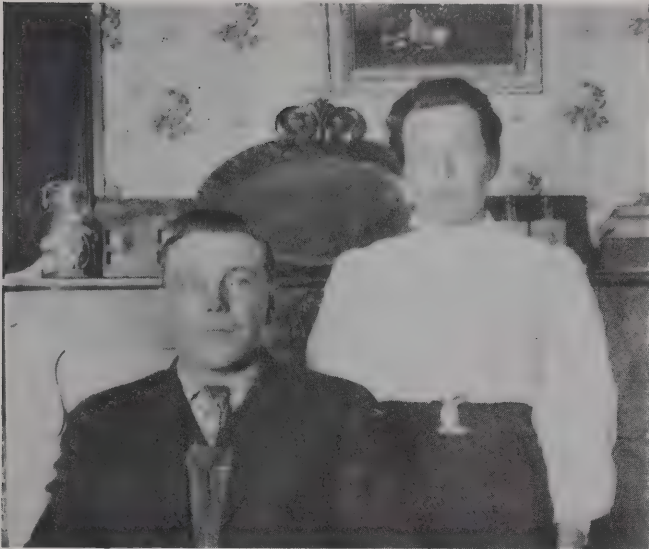
THRESHING RIG CREW IN THE FALL OF 1925

Moving from the Gehring farm to the Jacob Gieszler farm, about four miles northeast of Ashley.

The three on the grain wagon are, left to right: Johannes Gehring, Johann Hermann, and Jacob Gieszler.

On the tractor are Enoch Gehring and Fred F. Mertz. Not showing are Edwin E. Gehring and John Gieszler.

FAMILY HISTORY OF JACOB MAIER AND CHRISTIAN J. MAIER



Jacob Maier was born July 2, 1850 in Beresina, South Russia where he grew to manhood and married Karolina Schulz, born August 27, 1852 in Russia.

In 1886 they brought their family of three children to America and homesteaded on the present Theodore Maier farm east of Ashley. Here they, as most other early settlers, experienced many hardships. It was difficult with meager tools and materials to build a house, and often furniture was also built. The majority of the homes were constructed of sod. Before planting their crops they had to break up the sod, which was not easy with oxen. Later horses were used to pull the plows. They had to travel many miles to market for food and other supplies, and also to market their grains and cattle. These trips were made with either oxen or horse teams and took much time. Winter travel was slow and dangerous when bad storms overtook them on the way. Ellendale, North Dakota and Eureka, South Dakota were the closest towns.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Maier were the parents of seven children: Katherina, born August 23, 1871; Friedericka, born December 27, 1875; Jacob, born November 2, 1884; Christian J., born September 1, 1887; Edward, born March 4, 1890; Anna Magdalena, born July 25, 1892 and Otto Adolph born May 25, 1895. Edward, the only remaining member of this family, makes his home in Ellendale, North Dakota.

Christian J. Maier was born September 1, 1887 the year after his parents arrived in the United States. He grew to manhood on his father's farm and helped with all the work there. On December 13, 1906 he married Lydia Walz, born July 13, 1889 in America. Mrs. Maier was the daughter of Gottlieb and Katherina, nee Becker, Walz.

Mr. and Mrs. Maier established their home on a farm about nine miles east of Ashley. During the past twenty years many changes and improvements had been made in farming methods and farm implements, so these young people were able to start their life's work with much better equipment

than his parents had used in 1886.

They lived on this farm until the fall of 1919 when they moved to the farm which was homesteaded by his father.

Children born to this union were: Magdalena, born October 10, 1907, now Mrs. Walter Puhlmann, farming near Kulm, North Dakota; Ida Emma, born November 5, 1909, died June 26, 1911; Anna, born June 8, 1911, now Mrs. John Jerke, Ashley, North Dakota; Theodore, born November 13, 1912, farming east of Ashley, North Dakota; Elsie, born March 3, 1915, now Mrs. Arthur J. Bertsch, farming east of Ashley, North Dakota and Esther, born January 25, 1925 now Mrs. Henry Eszlinger, farming north of Ashley, North Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. Maier worked and, assisted by their family, built up a fine home, good farming land, and acquired a herd of good cattle. On March 19, 1925, Mrs. Maier passed away. Mr. Maier remained on the farm and carried on the work with the help of his children. December 23, 1931, Mr. Maier married Mrs. Christina Becker. They continued farming until the fall of 1935 when they moved to Ashley. For several years thereafter, Mr. Maier retained his interest in farming. Mr. and Mrs. Maier were members of the Lutheran Church in Ashley, North Dakota. He took an active interest in church work and other community affairs until his death on March 17, 1959.

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Gottlieb G. Pfeifle, one of seven children of Gottlieb and Katherina Pfeifle, was born September 29, 1903 in McIntosh County.

His father, Gottlieb Pfeifle, at the age of six emigrated to America from South Russia with his parents in the year 1874. On December 26, 1892 he was married to Katherina Layer in McIntosh County, and for eight years they lived in McPherson County in South Dakota. They then filed on a homestead eight and one-half miles northwest of Ashley, and it was here that Gottlieb G. was born and where he lived all of his life, remaining on the farm after his parents moved to Ashley in 1921.

On November 13, 1927 Gottlieb G. Pfeifle was united in marriage to Emelia Golz. Emelia, one of ten children born to Gottfried and Karolina, nee DeWald, Golz, was born February 4, 1907. Until her marriage she lived on a farm thirteen miles northwest of Ashley.

During their married life, Mr. and Mrs. Pfeifle escaped many of the hardships that were the common lot of their parents, but they do recall the rigorous life of the 1930's in which the farmers suffered severe losses from the drought. Eggs brought only six to eight cents a dozen; cream was sold at eighty-eight cents for four gallons; potatoes were very scarce; and many times thistles were used as feed for the livestock. However, times improved and in 1940 they bought their first tractor.

Mr. and Mrs. Pfeifle were active members of the rural Trinity Lutheran Church near their home before becoming members of the Zion Lutheran Church of Ashley.

They became the parents of eight children, namely: LeRoy, engaged in farming with his father; Adam John, who died in infancy; Violet, Mrs. Gustave A. Dockter of Bismarck; Nehemiah, Mrs. Raymond Schumacher of Ashley; Norman, married to Janet Quigno, of Pau Pau, Michigan; Erna, Mrs. Roger Klipfel of rural Ashley; Luella and JoAnn, residing at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Pfeifle have eight grandchildren.



MR. AND MRS. JACOB QUASHNICK

Jacob Quashnick, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Quashnick, was born on the farm of his parents, located eighteen miles east of Ashley.

He married Martha Schneider in 1926, and they established themselves on a farm fourteen miles east of Ashley, which farm they still own and operate.

In 1937 they moved to Lodi, California and lived there until 1939, when they returned to their farm home.

Mr. and Mrs. Quashnick were the parents of six children, four of whom are still living. They are: Julius, born in 1927, now of Lodi, California; Mrs. Chester Muhli (Esther) born in 1933, now of Glyndon, Minnesota; Walter, born in 1936, now of Harvey, North Dakota; and Margie, born in 1945, still at home.

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Seated: L. to R. Anna, Father, Mother, Otto.

John C. Kraemer, son of Christian and Regina Kraemer, nee Zacher, was born August 21, 1872 at Teplitz, South Russia. He was four years of age when he came to the United States with his parents who settled on a farm near Tripp, South Dakota.

After he finished his school years, he worked for his parents on the farm where he grew to manhood. It was there that he met Margaretha Weber who became his bride on December 10, 1896, at Lesterville, South Dakota.

Mrs. Kraemer was born August 21, 1875 at Sutton, Nebraska, the daughter of Jacob and Magdalena Weber, nee Widmer. She lived with her parents on a farm near Lesterville, South Dakota, where she grew to womanhood.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Kraemer made their new home on a farm six miles east of Tripp, South Dakota. In the spring of 1906, they sold most of their property and moved with their family to a farm near Danzig, North Dakota.

In the spring of 1907, they built a new home on their land two miles northwest of Ashley.

In the year 1916, they sold this farm to Andrew Neu and bought a 480-acre farm seven miles west of Ashley, where they resided until 1944 when they moved to Ashley, North Dakota and retired.

They were members of the Zion Lutheran Church in Ashley.

They were blessed with 10 children, all of whom are

married and have homes and families of their own. They are: Mrs. Jacob J. (Louise) Stroh, Wishek, North Dakota; Mrs. Henry (Lydia) Hoff, Eureka, South Dakota; Max, Davis, California; Mrs. Ed (Laura) Heise, Hastings, North Dakota; Mrs. Theo (Johanna) Geiszler, Victor, California; Mrs. Edward (Alvina) Fischer, Sacramento, California; Mrs. Edwin (Emma) Haupt, Ashley, North Dakota; Mrs. Edward (Anna) Diede, Venturia, North Dakota; Andrew, Leola, South Dakota; Otto, Lodi, California.

Mr. Kraemer passed away on December 11, 1957, and Mrs. Kraemer passed away June 18, 1961. One daughter, Edwina, twin sister to Laura, preceded them in death.

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GOTTLIEB G. NITSCHKE FAMILY



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Seated: L. to R. Arthur, Rose, Mrs. Nitschke, Mr. Nitschke, Esther and Leonard.

Among the pioneers, who as child came to McIntosh County, is Gottlieb G. Nitschke. He was born September 4, 1883 in Beresina, South Russia to Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Nitschke. At the age of one year he accompanied his parents to America, arriving in McIntosh County in May, 1885. It took eighteen days, traveling by boat, to reach New York, and from there they traveled by train to Yankton, South Dakota. They spent the winter in Scotland, South Dakota and came to this county in the spring, traveling by wagon and team, to file on a homestead eight and one-half miles southeast of Ashley.

Mr. Nitschke grew to manhood working with his parents on the homestead. On December 20, 1906, he was united in marriage to Fredericka Bertsch by Reverend Brunsch, and it became necessary for him to establish his own home. Early in 1907 he filed on his own land six and one-half miles southeast of Ashley, Township 129, Range 69, Section 11.

Five children were born to this union: Theodore, born September 21, 1907, now living in Lodi, California; Enoch, born May 3, 1909, living east of Ashley; Gottfried, born October 18, 1911, living at Montevue, Idaho; John, born September 5, 1914, living at Wolf Point, Montana; and one son, deceased.

Mrs. Nitschke passed away November 5, 1915.

In 1916, Mr. Nitschke was united in marriage to Christina Fiechtner, Reverend Katz performing the ceremony. Christina Nitschke was born March 14, 1892. Eleven children were born to them: Isadore, born October 18, 1916, living at Linton, North Dakota; Walter, born May 18, 1919, living at Napoleon, North Dakota; Ervin, born November 28, 1920, living at Minneapolis; Esther (Mrs. Leonard Pfeifle), born April 7, 1922, living at Fargo; Rose (Mrs. Jacob Rattei), born May 20, 1923, living in Ashley; Edgar, born July 3, 1924, living at Aberdeen, South Dakota; Arthur, born October 29, 1925, and Leonard, born February 14, 1927, both of whom live in Ashley, North Dakota. Two sons and one daughter are deceased.

In the fall of 1948 they moved to Ashley and, assisted by a son, continued to operate the farm until 1961, when it was sold to Oscar Herman.

Mrs. Nitschke passed away June 30, 1960. Mr. Nitschke still lives in his Ashley home with his son, Arthur, and family.

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MR. AND MRS. GOTTLIEB GLAESMANN

Mr. Gottlieb Glaesmann, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Glaesmann, Sr., was born January 18, 1888 on a farm in Hutchinson County in what is now South Dakota. When he was seven years old he came with his parents to McIntosh County, where they settled on a homestead about four miles south of Ashley. They had come to Eureka, South Dakota from the farm near Parkston by rail, bringing all their household goods, machinery and twenty-one head of livestock in two railroad cars. It was a three-day trip, but they were happy to see former friends and neighbors who met them at Eureka. These friends helped them haul their belongings to the Christ Retzer, Sr. farm about six miles southwest of Ashley. Here the family stayed until a small sod house was built for them on their claim. Later in the year they were able to build a larger sod house, barn, and machine shed, all under one roof. In 1902 after the railroad had been built to Ashley they were able to get lumber for their first wooden barn. Six years later they built their first frame house which is still standing on the old homestead.

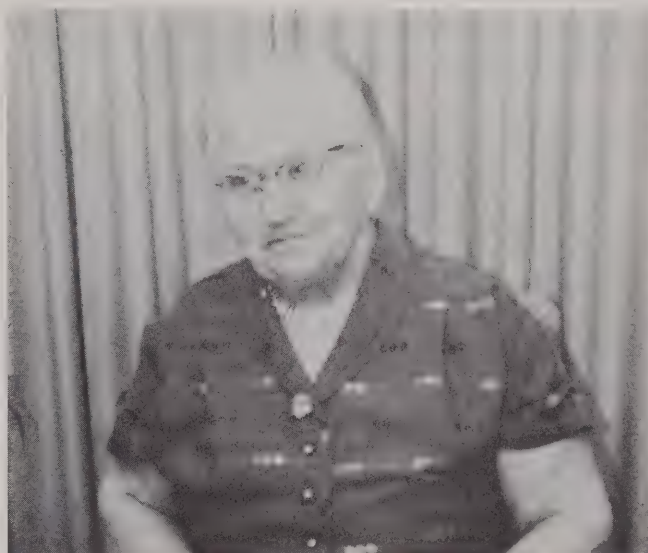
Mr. Glaesmann had only two months of English schooling and four weeks in the German confirmation school. School and church services were at first held in the various homes. After a schoolhouse was built it also served as a church until it became too small for the growing congregation which built its own church in 1910.

Mr. Glaesmann can well recall the severe cold and blizzards of those first years in the county. The winter of 1896-97 remains in his memory as the worst he has ever experienced. Snowdrifts covered the roof of the house and the feed for the cattle was almost impossible to get at even though it had been stored near the barn. By spring, the Glaesmanns were so tired and discouraged that they planned to return to South Dakota. However, they seeded their fields; rains were plentiful and they harvested a nice crop. Prices were better, so with money to lay up plenty of food and fuel for the winter they were encouraged to stay. As time

went on they were glad that they did, for they were able to make a very comfortable living.

On December 19, 1911, Mr. Glaesmann was united in marriage to Rosina Hoff of Eureka, South Dakota. He continued to farm with his father until 1929 when they moved to his father-in-law's farm near Eureka. After three years they moved back to the old homestead where they farmed until retirement.

Nine children were born to the Glaesmanns. One son died in infancy and a daughter at the age of seven. The surviving children are: Reinhold, in the house-moving and excavating business, Leola, South Dakota; Ervin, farmer near Fredonia; Arvin, rock-crushing and sand business, Leola, South Dakota; Alvin, with the Ready-mix Concrete Co., Huron, South Dakota; Mrs. Alvin (Alma) Ehley, on the farm northeast of Ashley; Mrs. Raymond (LaVina) Ehley whose husband is superintendent of the Calvin, North Dakota school; Emil, with whom the Gottlieb Glaesmanns live, farms south of Ashley.



MRS. WILHELMINA QUASHNICK BENDER

Wilhelmina, daughter of John and Eva Schulz, nee Wolfert, was born in Kloestitz, Bessarabia, South Russia on August 30, 1882. At the age of fifteen she came to the United States with her parents.

She was married to Michael Quashnick on November 8, 1900, and they settled on a farm seventeen miles east of Ashley, where all of their children were born and reared. Their children are: Jacob, John, Daniel, Henry, Marie Dobler, Edna Fregien, and three sons, now deceased: Reinhold, Sam, and Julius.

Mr. Quashnick died May 17, 1937, and his wife moved to Ashley that fall.

In June 1938, Mrs. Quashnick was married to George Bender of Ashley who died in 1952. Mrs. Bender still makes her home in Ashley.

WILLIAM BAUMANN

Wm. Baumann, also known as Bill, was born June 26, 1906, one of fourteen children born to Mr. and Mrs. Karl Baumann. The father was born in Nimburg, Germany, April 20, 1867, and came to the U.S.A. in 1892. He came to Eureka, South Dakota by rail and from there he went on foot to Ashley, and filed on a homestead seven and one-half miles northwest of Ashley. In 1893 he was united in marriage to Barbara Hoffert, who was born in Konigshoffhousen, Germany and came to America because her sister Katie and the latter's husband, William Willrett, who homesteaded near the Karl Baumann homestead, asked her to come. The year after she arrived her sister and husband died, leaving a small son. In the meantime Karl had married Barbara and they also reared her sister's boy, Willie, until manhood, when he moved to Merchenson, South Dakota, where he died in 1938.

Wm., with his brothers and sisters, grew to manhood on his father's homestead. In the fall of 1927, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Baumann moved to Ashley to retire. Karl Baumann passed away in 1937, and his wife, Barbara, in 1947. Wm. and his younger brother, Emil, stayed on the homestead and farmed together for about three years.

On October 11, 1931, Wm. married Alma Meidinger, who was born Feb. 18, 1908, a daughter of the J. A. Meidingers of Ashley. They moved to their farm one mile north of the father's homestead and lived there until the fall of 1949 when they moved to Ashley. A son and two daughters were born to them. Dwight, born May 12, 1933, graduated from Ashley High School with high honors and attended North Dakota State University at Fargo graduating with high honors and received a fellowship for graduate study at M.I.T. (Massachusetts Institute of Technology). He received his Masters and Doctors Degrees at MIT and is a professor on the MIT faculty. He married Mayvis Wageman, daughter of the Jacob Wagemans of rural Eureka, South Dakota. Mayvis taught in elementary schools in South Dakota, Ashley, and West Fargo, before moving with her husband to Massachusetts

where she received her Masters degree in remedial reading, and has been tutoring and teaching part-time in Boston area schools. They have a daughter, Susan May, one year old.

A daughter, Judith Arleen, was born February 11, 1935 and graduated from Ashley High School and North Dakota State University with honors, receiving her degree in home economics education. She married Ralph Rothfusz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Rothfusz of Ashley. Ralph received his Masters degree from M.I.T., and is employed by Bendix Aviation in Detroit. They recently moved into their newly-built home in Detroit, Michigan. They have three children: Eric, 5½, Rebecca Jo, 3, and Joel, 10 months.

The youngest daughter, Maxine, born August 22, 1936, graduated from Ashley High School and with honor in home economics education from North Dakota State University. She married James Gruebele, son of the William Gruebeles of rural Wishek. Following their graduation from NDSU, both taught high school in Minnesota. Jim received his Masters degree from Iowa State University and was employed with the USDA at Salt Lake City for one year. At present he is working on his Doctors degree at the University of Minnesota. They have one son, Randall, 2½ years.

In 1934, Mr. Baumann along with farming began working for the United States Department of Agriculture as Farm Field Supervisor and served as Community Committeeman until 1945, when he was elected to the County Committee and served in that capacity until 1954, being chairman of the County Committee several years. In 1954, he received his appointment from Washington, D.C. as an agent for Federal Crop Insurance in McIntosh County which position he still holds.

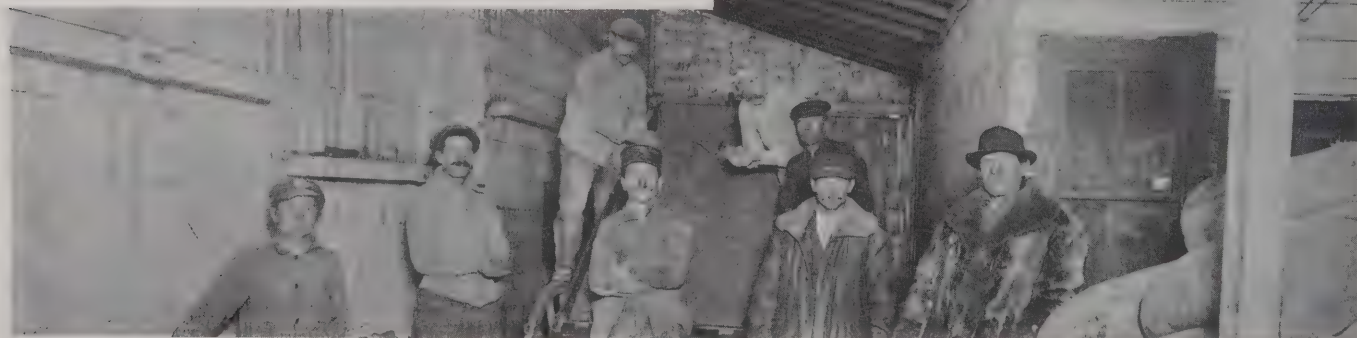
Mrs. Baumann, after graduation from Ashley High School, went to Ellendale Normal and taught in rural schools for a number of years.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Baumann have always been very active in church and community organizations.

ORIGINAL ASHLEY MILL

Picture of original Ashley mill about 1911 or 1912. Site is presently occupied by Farmers Feed Company elevator.

Left to right: Eddie Gruebele, John Dockter, Edward Gruebele Sr., Philip Hertz, Herman Drews (owner of elevator), Martin Babitzke, George Ulrich and Fred Nies.



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IN THE YEARS GONE BY

A few Cleanings of Happenings taken from The Ashley Tribune files

(Prepared and edited by Walter Froh)

March, 1919 — During this and a period prior to it, the question of a new courthouse building waxed hot. The arguments over the proposed \$75,000.00 bond issue appeared to have much support, pro and con. That the new building was sorely needed to replace an inadequate wooden structure there was no doubt, but a strong opposition opposed it on the grounds of cost. Particularly interested in defeating the bond issue were a group of citizens at Wishek who favored "removal" of the county seat from Ashley to Wishek. They, it was said, hoped to gain time by defeating the bond issue. Voters at a special election held on Tuesday, March 25, approved the bond issue 1323 to 1005. At Ashley only five voters said "no" to 498 "yes", and at Wishek only five voters voted "yes" to 422 "no".

January 22, 1920 — A Tribune headline reads "City of Ashley to have a Hospital". The item says in part: "That this territory needs and has needed a hospital, has been apparent for several years past . . . but has been delayed . . . the war being one of many reasons."

A meeting of leading citizens was held to discuss the raising of funds. John D. Laemmle was named president and Nathaniel Auerbach, treasurer. A mass meeting was to be called on January 26.

No more mention of this attempt appears in subsequent issues. Apparently the issue went to sleep.

November 29, 1923 — Ashley was announced as the leading point in the state from which cream was shipped—all by Soo Line rail at that time. Cream shipments for the fiscal year ending September 1, 1923 totaled 12,771 ten-gallon cans for which approximately \$130,000.00 was received by farmers of the area. The previous year 14,698 cans were shipped bringing in revenue of \$150,000.00. The Fargo Agriculture College made the survey that proved Ashley the greatest cream shipping point in North Dakota.

R. W. L. Linn demonstrates that fruit can be raised here. He has a fine orchard on this farm. (In 1963 the farm is being operated by his son Kenneth).

Mild weather in December referred to as banana weather in December 6, 1923 issue.

July 3, 1930 — In a tragedy near Zeeland three Salwei sisters, Mrs. Tony Jund, Mrs. Paul Jung and Miss Barbara Salwei, died by drowning in a dam five miles southeast of Zeeland. Going swimming after a day of sewing at the Jung farm home, they entered the water, hand in hand, and shortly

sank out of sight into a 12-foot hole. Paul Jung and a brother, Ben Salwei, witnessed the tragedy from the opposite shore.

May 28, 1931 — Sauerkraut Day! Ashley businessmen were hosts to farmers of the area. They entertained them with races, games, speeches and treated them to a free lunch of wieners in buns or bread, sauerkraut and coffee. Sandwiches were served to 2,000 visitors.

April 9, 1931 — Reconstruction and re-shaping of Highway No. 11 — twelve miles east and 12 west of Ashley was begun. Many men and tractors at work.

June 4, 1931 — County pays out \$2,544.68 for gopher bounty at two cents per tail. It was pointed out that this was a help in relieving the financial strain during the prevalent depression. Some live-wire merchants took advantage of the occasion to offer Gopher Day specials. Businessmen were advised to "wake up, get active, start something lively" to promote business. Occasions like Gopher Day stimulate business.

June 1, 1933 — An "Old Settlers Picnic" was announced in this issue to take place June 18 at Lake Hoskins, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the first settlement of McIntosh County. A few interesting news features were reproduced from the first issue of the McIntosh County Herald, dated November 12, 1884.

The editor of that day, Paul P. Orth, was wildly enthusiastic and optimistic of the potential of McIntosh County.

"Put your finger on the map of Dakota", he says, "at the geographical center of the territory and you will see McIntosh County . . . has 4032 quarter sections of rich, deep prairie soil, well watered by lakes and creeks, all owned by the government, and subject to entry by settlers at \$1.25 per acre, or subject to free homestead entry, is well supplied with hay and offers unsurpassed inducements for stock raising and mixed farming. There are now about 25 settlers in the county, located near the center, at and around Hoskins, a new town recently settled on the south bank of a beautiful lake. No town in Dakota ever started with better prospect, as it is surrounded by a more level surface than is usually found in one county and will probably be the location of the railroad shops of one or more of the three railroads which will probably be built through during the summer of 1885 . . . streets are laid out one hundred feet wide, and five miles of boulevard around the lake, all on hard banks about ten feet above the surface of the lake, the water of which is soft and pure and has been used by the settlers during the summer of 1884.

IN THE YEARS GONE BY — cont'd

"... a few buffalo still roam wild in the county, with deer, antelope, wild ducks, geese in great abundance, besides prairie chickens, rabbits and other small game."

He speaks of the grass varieties of the thick, tall grass and the excellent nutritive hay it makes. "The soil," he goes on, "is a rich mold, varying in depth from 18 inches to four feet with clay subsoil, which in other parts of the territory produces from 15 to 35 bushels of No. 1 hard wheat to the acre."

After many more complimentary statements concerning this area, Editor Orth makes the statement that, "McIntosh County in the near future will be the home of twenty thousand people."

The Old Settlers Picnic was proclaimed a great success and very well attended. A pioneer stone was dedicated on the south side of the lake and became a part of the pioneer monument, which is located there today.

June 18, 1936 — Drought meetings called by Governor Walter Welford, meeting to be held at Ashley Courthouse June 20. Ruined grain crops created conditions such that the governor deemed it necessary to call mass meetings in the state; at which meetings recommendations for appropriate action could be formulated in order to give aid where needed.

July 9, 1936 — Federal aid sought by governor for drought-stricken farmers. WPA machinery set in motion and works relief program under way. Water conservation, farm-to-market roads and other worthwhile projects expected to make it possible for farmers of the drought areas to earn some money.

January 20, 1949 — New Star mail route from Ashley to Hague to Hull, and return through Zeeland to Ashley, was approved by the postal department. Ed Rau, who was awarded the contract as carrier, will begin February 1. The Star Route was proposed and promoted by cooperating committees of local organizations.

June 2, 1949 — Storm raises havoc in Ashley. Rain estimated at over three inches. Damages over \$20,000.00. Unroofs Emanuel Bollinger house. Demolishes Kenneth Lynn barn near Ashley.

July 28, 1949 — A tornado during a severe electrical storm between 10:30 and 11:00 o'clock in the evening destroyed most of the Albert Salzer farm and carried the house away leaving only the floor. Mrs. Salzer was slightly injured. Much other damage resulted in the area about 12 miles northwest of Ashley.

July 20, 1950 — Businessmen welcome Dr. Karl Oja, who left his fortune behind when he fled from Estonia while it was being occupied by the Russians. He eventually opened his practice here and became the first medical doctor on the Ashley hospital staff when it opened.

Boy Scouts of the Missouri Valley Council spent a week camping at Lake Hoskins Park.

February, March, 1952 — Snow and blizzard tie up traffic and leave travelers stranded. Without mail service for one week in February, Ashley receives record amount of mail in one day in history of city.

May 14, 1953 — Dr. Campbell Day was observed Sunday, May 10, honoring Dr. Colin C. Campbell, who after 44 years of local medical service and pioneer doctoring, had decided to retire—to locate at Rome, New York, where his son, Colin, and family wanted him and Mrs. Campbell to make their home. More than 700 persons gathered in the school auditorium to do him honor and pay him tribute. Both the doctor and Mrs. Campbell were presented gifts of gold.

June 11, 1953 — Low bid on city's first street paving project is \$164,477.50 for 29 1/2 blocks of asphalt mat on heavy rock and gravel base.

June 18, 1953 — Torrential rains dumped five to six inches of water in western and northwestern part of county—damaging county roads up to an estimated quarter million dollars.

July 23, 1953 — City illuminated by new type of street lighting—a vast improvement over the old.

January 21, 1954 — Locations for four wildcat test wells, in a search for oil, to be drilled near Ashley have been announced by Calvert Exploration Company. Number one is 7 1/2 miles north of Ashley; number two is 1 1/2 miles north; number three is two miles east; and number four is 7 miles northeast. (Note—all were eventually drilled and designated as "dry" holes.)

February 24, 1955 — Worst blizzard in years strikes Ashley area on Saturday and Sunday. Four Ashley men stalled in car south of Leola for 27 uncomfortable hours with no ill effects.

September 8, 1955 — In what was one of Ashley's major fires, the Schock Hardware store building and stock was destroyed on September 2, a loss estimated at \$40,000.00 by owner Gottlieb C. Schock. The fire occurred in the afternoon when a leaking propane gas tank ignited.

TORNADOES

Perhaps the most unusual local weather circumstance within the memory of local citizens existed in the Ashley vicinity on May 23, 1944 when 13 tornado funnels were counted whirling their way across McIntosh County—at least seven of them seen by watchful, wary Ashley residents, including the writer.

One struck in the vicinity of the village of Danzig and others approached the towns of Wishek, Lehr, Venturia and Ashley.

It had been a hot and sultry day and the funnel formations became evident around the 6:00 o'clock supper hour and thereafter.

At about seven o'clock a vicious funnel, the one pictured here, was noted west of Ashley and somewhat south of highway No. 11. It seemed headed directly toward town. Suddenly, near the present location of the livestock sales company it changed direction, veered north and struck the Andrew Geiszler farm, destroying numerous farm buildings and severely damaged the house. Mrs. Geiszler and the two small children who were inside the house were not injured.

Ten horses belonging to Wm. Ulmer northwest of Danzig were killed by another tornado. Near Burnstad thousands of gallons of water were sucked out of Red Lake. At Lehr, it was reported, many of its residents fled to the prairies when a funnel appeared to be bearing down on the city. It missed.

On July 6, 1962, one of four tornadoes, that worried farmers 20 or more miles southeast of Ashley, swooped down on a pasture near the Raymond Kappes farm and killed 68 head of his stock cattle—a loss valued at more than \$10,000.00.

As Mr. Kappes told the story, he and his family had been watching four funnels—when the larger one—immense in size—began to approach the farm from a northwesterly direction. With his family in the car, he drove away a short distance to the east and south, stopping on a hill to watch the twister. Oddly, he stated, it slowly circled his pasture and departed in a southwesterly direction. It moved so slowly that it took 45 minutes to complete the large, looping turn. The family returned to the house, discovering the loss of the cattle a short time later.

The scene was a gruesome one. Many of the animals had broken legs or broken necks. A few lay stiff-legged on their backs, others landed on all fours shattering their legs or were left in grotesque positions.

Friends and neighbors rallied to help the Kappes family—some donating animals, some giving cash.



Tornado funnel approaches Ashley May 23, 1944. It veered north and struck the Andrew Geiszler farm. Photo taken by Phyllis Meidinger from street next to the late A. W. Meidinger home in Ashley.



A group of 19 head of the 68 head of cattle killed by a tornado on the Ray Kappes farm located 22 miles southeast of Ashley on July 6, 1962. Photo taken by Walter Froh of The Ashley Tribune.

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OLD-TIME SCENES

All that the young people of today know about the grain harvest is that it is combined. Gathered here are pictures of harvest and threshing scenes showing how the crops used to be garnered.



An early Dakota headering scene.

This picture shows in detail how grain was harvested in 1915-1920. Two header boxes were standard practice. One would be unloading while the other was being filled.



The binder followed the header in the harvesting of grain. Both gave way to the huge combines in use today.

Picture shows a "shock" after bundles of grain were stacked by hand. This picture is a scene on the John Geiszler homestead northwest of Ashley. On one of the binders is Christoph Geiszler. The automobile shown was owned by Henry Joerke and was one of the first cars to appear in Ashley. Others in the car are A. W. Meidinger and Theo. Heinrich. John Geiszler Sr. is standing in front of the car.



This is a picture lifted from the 1938 Ashley Jubilee book. It is a very early model and is shown here to illustrate the

use of horsepower. The origin of this picture was not mentioned in the 1938 book, and the committee was unable to secure identification.



This threshing outfit was owned by the three Geiszler brothers, Andreas, John and Christoph, early pioneers in the county. Andreas and John are shown on the straw-burning engine, while Christoph Sr. is standing on the separator. Each man had his particular duties. Others in picture are not identified.

It is believed this machine was used between 1900 and 1910. This was a wide separator; later models were much narrower. Note the screen on the smokestack. Also the barrels of water for the engine on the wagon to the rear of the engine. Also note the sacked grain. Later machines ran the grain directly into wagons without sacking. The heavy stubble indicates a very good crop.



Old-Time Threshing Scene — About 1912

On ground left to right: Reinhold Weber, Ben Weiler, Reinhold Schilling, Johannes Gehring and Mike Ehley.

On machines and wagons, left to right: Unknown, Christ Gehring, Fred Harter. On separator: Wm. Heddich and Henry Ehley, Sr.

OLD-TIME SCENES — cont'd



Picture taken about 1910 or 1911

Left to right: Christ Klein, Emanuel Schock on engine, Ludwig Thurn, Jr., on ground. Standing in front of belt at separator: Ludwig Thurn, Sr., August Thurn. Standing on separator: Christian Schock. Rig was owned by a partnership of Henry Klein, Fred Stugelmayer, Christian Schock, and Ludwig Thurn, Sr.

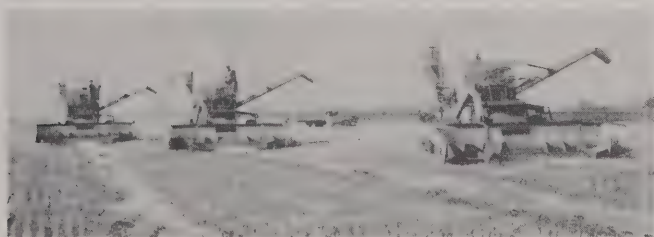
This was a straw-burning engine.



This depicts the stacking of grain after a headering operation. Note the header box behind the horses. These boxes were slanted with the low end next to the elevator of the header.

The picture was taken in the fall of 1962 west of Ashley on land owned by Christ Rott. The stack will be threshed during the 1963 Jubilee Celebration.

In the early days, the stacking was usually done by the housewife. The heavier the housewife, the better the stack.



From the old to the new. Shown is a 1962 harvest scene. The combines belong to Ed Glaesman of Ashley and are operating on land southeast of town owned by Henry Eszlinger and leased to Emil Schaeffer of Ashley.



This is another picture of the Geiszler brothers' machine and clearly shows the attachment for sacking the grain as it comes out of the separator.



Pictured is the Zion Lutheran Church East of Ashley.

The early settlers were church-going people. Picture shows the "cutters" in use in winter during this period. The horses were stalled in a barn not shown in the picture.

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Looking north on Center Avenue on July 4, 1913. Note buggies lined up along the building at right. On the alley was a livery stable on the site of the present Klipfel Heating office. Building on right is shed of Ashley Lumber Company, and at left is the present Nitschke Blacksmith Shop. Right background is the old frame County Courthouse.

Compare the above scene with the same street in the recent picture below.



Street scene in Ashley 2nd Ave. SE looking North



Ashley Swimming Pool

THE U-SAVE STORE

This business was established by E. W. Schock on December 15, 1937, when he purchased the stock of Wentz, Grenz and Dorheim I.G.A. Store. He gradually developed it into a general store including drygoods and ready-to-wear garments.

In July 1955, Milton Schauer and Eugene Bertsch purchased the grocery department and enlarged and improved it. Mr. Schock retained the drygoods section.

Mr. Bertsch continued in business with Mr. Schauer until December 31, 1959 when he bought Mr. Schauer's share of the store.

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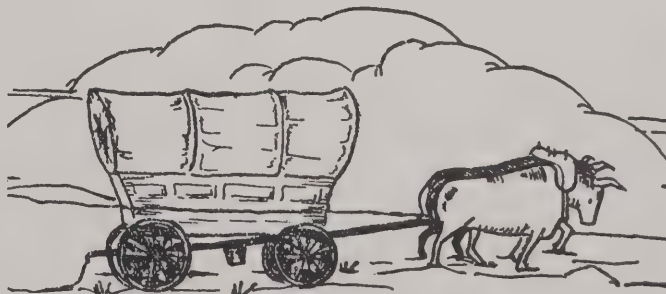
Now I am through, quite through with the telling
Of the stress and struggle on the old frontier;
In these later days, no more will I be writing
Those thrilling stories of the pioneer.
Yes, there was glamour, a zestful calling
With buoyant brightness on a hopeful quest,
When creaking wagons crawled miles unending,
Day after day, to an untamed west.
It was never all hardness or sadness of living,
There was much of gladness in that old time;
So now let me sing you a song of our doing
The joyful things, in a happy rhyme.
For, O, there was fun, despite the hard going,
A song often hung on our window sill,
And laughter came through our open doorway,
As we smothered down some foreboding ill.
How we gloried in the spring time long a-coming,
We hailed the chinook as it blew our way;
And, O, how happy in the first crocus blooming,
The first singing lark on an April day.

Then another shining day, someone saw a flicker,
The first gopher stirring from his winter bed;
The joyous harbinger of spring so long waited,
The wild geese honking from over head.
It was so good, to feel the soft west wind,
To see the long line of furrows plowed,
Breaking the burgeoning old earth's bosom,
To smell the pungent odor, as black loam showed.
And sometimes, O, sometimes, we gazed with gladness,
On great broad fields of ripening grain;
Joyously we reaped it, stacked it waiting
For the old steam engine and threshing train.
Then came respite for the days of toiling,
And fine reward at the frontier town,
Where we freighted big loads of grain all golden
Over dusty trails, deep-rutted and brown.

Then came the autumn, and some were lovely—
Long to be remembered those pioneer days;
The cool yellow sunsets, a view to far horizons,
The glorious dawns—mirage above the haze.
Followed long winters with time for playing,
Thirty below was naught for young folk;
Away in a bob-sled, with sleighbells jingling,
The horses' breath streaming away like smoke.
We always found a way of transportation,
No movies then, no automobile,
But after lone days of far isolation,
The young folk were agile with toe and heel;
The older folk too were glad to get together,
Quietly chatting in their small claim shack,
For they were lonely, far from their homeland,
But few of them took the long trail back.

O, those were times past all forgetting,
The old pioneers will tell you yet;
It was wonderful to see the vast west growing,
Though toiling from dawn, to late sunset:
Wonderful to have a part in developing,
To see cities springing from the virgin ground;
To be a small part of an empire building,
To see a first train—hear its whistle sound.
Oh! it was worth every pain we suffered,
Worth every trial, sorrow, and fear;
There never can be another tomorrow
Such as we lived on the old frontier.
The oxen teams have wended to the ending,
The covered wagon days are lived and gone;
And aging pioneers again are homing,
To the last frontier—passing, one by one.
We raise our hand in a last saluting,
To you who were born of that long ago;
We who blazed the trail—pass the wand to your keeping.
Hold the torch high, as our lights—burn—low.

By Nina Farley Wishek



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McINTOSH COUNTY

Formed by a division of Logan County, and named

<p>"Prairie Lignite" or Mischel neat piles of well packed manure. A cheap and abundant fuel for thrifty pioneers.</p>	<p>Town of Wishek - Terminal point of the Soo Line Named for John H. Wishek because of his untiring efforts in aiding in obtaining the right of way for the railroad.</p>	<p>Wishek 1898 - Soo Line</p>
<p>Friedenthal</p> <p>Gophers, the farmers greatest menace</p>	<p>Salem</p> <p>Bread mixed in low bread troughs, in early days. Mother and daughter "punching" dough Better bread never made.</p>	<p>Youngstown</p> <p>Youngstown name of early postoffice</p> <p>Comfortable homes of prairie sod erected by pioneers.</p>
<p>Stone bosts were used for hauling water in barrels. Sometimes hauled many miles.</p>	<p>Outdoor ovens - or ovens built in walls of baked clay were used by immigrant pioneers - delicious loaves of bread were the staff of life.</p>	<p>Green Lake</p> <p>Green Lake Ranch owned by Clare Johnson</p> <p>Presumption right 160 acres granted settlers before 1891. - secured by fire on and since and on 1891.</p>
<p>Frieda</p> <p>In winter travel was with sleds and horses or oxen. All mail was carried in sleds for months.</p>	<p>Rosenfield</p> <p>At one time Ostrem postoffice on stage route.</p>	<p>Moscow</p> <p>Prairie schooner common mode of travel in early days</p> <p>Flax Gilt postoffice Now discontinued</p>
<p>Wild currants</p> <p>Straussburg</p> <p>St. John's church Believed to be the first church built in the county - Built and dedicated by Father Bernard.</p>	<p>Fort Yates</p> <p>Trail</p> <p>Blumenthal</p> <p>With no time to build settlers lived in wagons staked to the ground, while they planted seeds for trees in boxes, removed stones plowed and planted. Eggs sold for from six to eight cents a dozen during late 80s and early 90s.</p>	<p>Albrights Valley</p> <p>Gardner's settlement raised in abundance Stags raised and used as meat called "Rabbit Ribs"</p> <p>Pioneers lived in daily fear of prairie fires during spring and fall. Almost every day during the 80s smoke could be seen in some direction.</p> <p>Wilhelmina Gardner lost her life trying to save her daughter from the flames of a fire in 1898.</p> <p>First settlement and postoffice in the county. Given the maiden name of wife of Colonel Lounsberry</p>
<p>Thrifty farmer shipped many turkeys and chickens</p> <p>Farmers</p>	<p>Buffalo bones were gathered and sold - bringing from eight to ten dollars a ton.</p> <p>At one time on Berlin Kassel postoffice here.</p>	<p>Large elevator Venturia 1901 for grain - and Banks were needed - and built open prairie</p> <p>Johnstown</p>
<p>Zeeland</p>	<p>Indian rings - stones left that once held the ropes tight to the ground.</p>	<p>Old Buffalo Trail (Ruts show today crossing cemetery)</p>

Rain or shine, wind or
sleet, snow or blizzard
stage coach drivers
brought news from the
outside world.

George Coyle
Lew Tichnor
Harry McMillan
Ed Lunn
Sid Collins
Clare Johnson
Ludwig Heim
Anton Helmer
Joe Helmer
Billy Briggs
Herbert Larimer
Martin Godfrey
John Keen



Teaming to Ellendale
and Eureka from Ashley

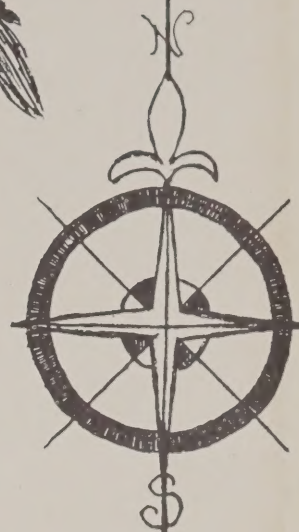
Ellendale - 3 day trip
Eureka - 2 day trip



NORTH DAKOTA

For E. H. McIntosh, pioneer legislator

<p>Lehr 1892</p> <p>Chowling with oxen</p> <p>Clear land named for Doyle, Honey</p>	<p>Churches built soon after homes in this section.</p> <p>Lowerthal</p> <p>Buffalos hunted in these hills as late as 1886</p>	<p>Hoffnungsthal</p> <p>The land was covered with glacial drift. Huge boulders in great numbers. Stone boats were used to carry the stones to the edge of the land - br to large piles.</p>	<p>County surveyed in 1884 Geo. W. Lilly, John H. Wishek and brothers R.C. Miles and L. M. Miles assisted with the survey. Because of this work, the firm Wishek and Lilly gave valuable help in locating settlers.</p> <p>Springfield</p>
<p>any fossils of prehistoric origin found here. All the County is part of a sea bed one time.</p> <p>postoffice early days.</p>	<p>Lydia</p> <p>Many Indians believed to be the site of a White Stone</p>	<p>Rosenthal</p> <p>At one time Rotterdam postoffice later Hellwig postoffice</p>	<p>Antelope</p> <p>Home steady 160 acres. Settlers required to live on land five years to prove up.</p> <p>Wolves struck terror in the hearts of sturdy pioneers.</p>
<p>Cows were chief source of income during drought years. Butter sold for five cents a pound during late early 90s.</p>	<p>Ashley</p> <p>Colonel Kisselbury many times on Fort Yates</p>	<p>Towa</p> <p>Smaller grain fields cut with synthes</p>	<p>Beresina</p> <p>Large Basse ranch. One time postoffice. Stop over place for weary settlers and stage drivers. First part of the house built in the hillside.</p>
<p>reached Ashley settlers waited years.</p> <p>Robert Linn had largest orchard for miles around.</p>	<p>Myrtle</p> <p>At one time Jewell Postoffice</p>	<p>Jewell</p> <p>Christof Kuhl froze to death in blizzard Jan. 1888.</p> <p>coyote howls - made nights lonely for immigrants</p>	<p>Coldwater</p> <p>Russian thistles A destructive weed brought in from Russia. Called tumble weeds in this windy country</p>



Indian scare of 1890 frightened settlers came to Ashley. Some in stone boats, driving oxen

Justine Wishek

Travel on snowshoes in winter, constant danger of wolves, part of pioneer hardships

